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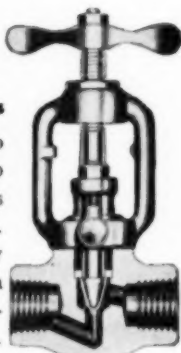
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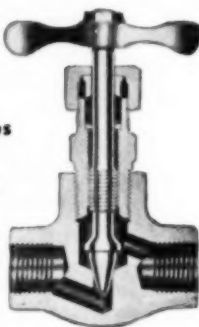
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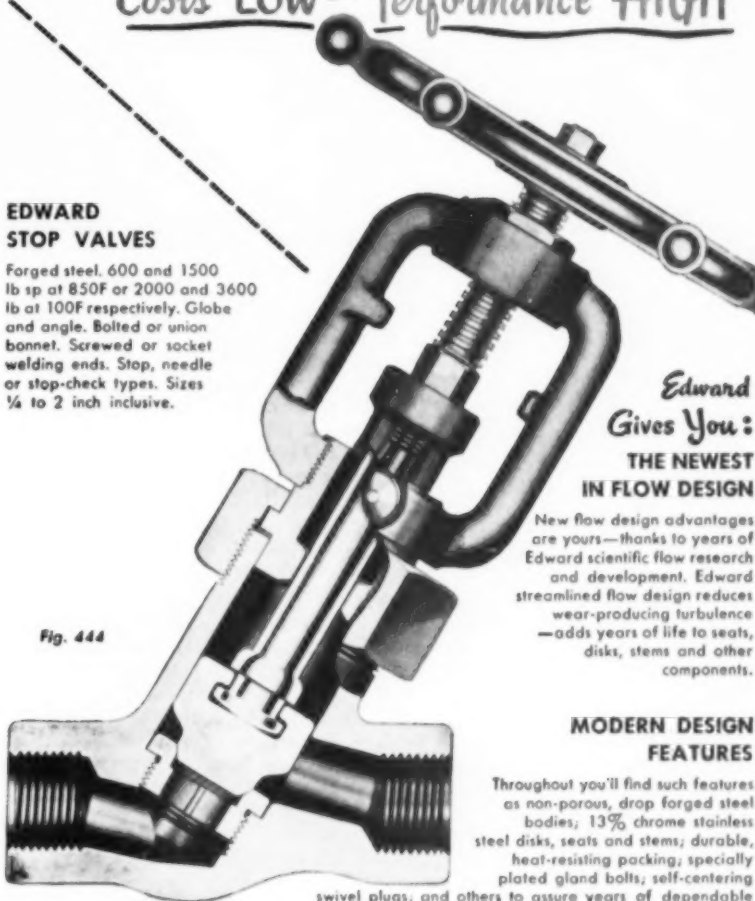
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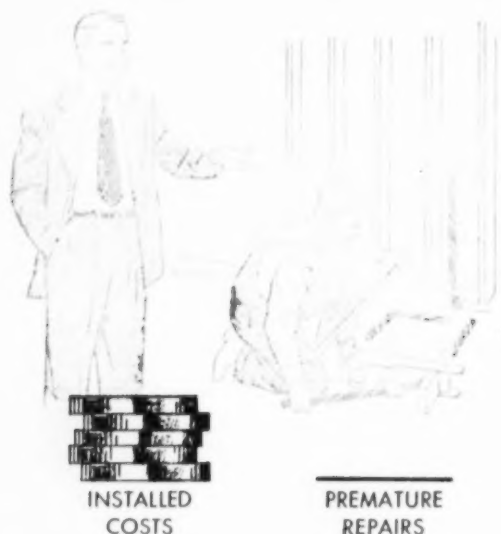
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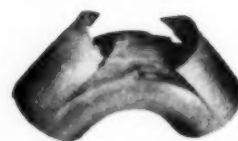
All too often, **INITIAL COSTS** are used as the only basis of comparison. The fallacy of the initial-cost-yardstick has been proved time and time again in installations where low-first-cost piping has been installed and has failed prematurely. The original installation was quickly made by pipe fitters. But repairs call for hours of work by as many as five craftsmen—pipe fitters, masons, carpenters, plasterers, painters. And labor costs are only part of the picture. The indirect costs of production slowdowns and disrupted routine swell the total of every premature pipe failure. It's easy to see how this first failure can wipe out initial "savings" many times over.

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Facts and Trends

FOR SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL AND POWER EXECUTIVES

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- **PLASTIC PIPE** will be used by Carolina Power and Light Company's Wilmington steam plant to conduct corrosive well water. More than a quarter of a mile of the light weight 3" i.d. tenite butyrate plastic pipe (one 20 ft length weighs only 23 lb) will deliver water from source to large tanks where it will be decarbonized. Water is air saturated and contains a high percentage of carbon dioxide.

Pipe was joined together (solvent cement and slip-sleeve couplings) in a continuous length on top of the ground before being lowered into the ditch. Line was installed in less than half the time that it would have taken with red brass pipe, the only other material considered for the conduction of corrosive water.

- **ATOMIC POWER** cannot be justifiably called "cheap" power under present economic conditions. Before one can proceed with a reliable atomic plant cost analysis, engineers and metallurgists will need to solve many challenging problems. However, none of them are insurmountable and in time they should be solved.

Many of the answers will be found when the FIRST LARGE SCALE atomic power plant, recently authorized, goes into operation.

With the prospect of early development of an atomic power plant, plant engineering personnel will be especially interested in the technical aspects. AN APPRAISAL OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS, featured in this issue, covers reactions and fuels, coolants, power plant and heat exchanger, and economic considerations.

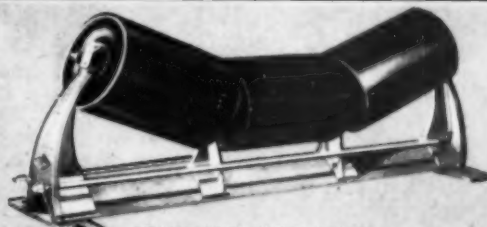
- **FIRST TRANSFORMER** shipped in mid-January for General Electric's new \$25 million Rome, Georgia, manufacturing plant, delivered to the Georgia Power Company, was an 18 ton, 5,000 kva unit. Power transformers, rated 500 to 10,000 kva and weighing from 4 to 50 tons each, will be manufactured in the Georgia plant, with a new near-conveyor type system. Over 1,700 will eventually be employed in the modern manufacturing operation.

- **OXIDIZING CATALYSTS** for air pollution control are still going strong. First industrial installation (Enamelstrip Corp. in 1952) solved the plant's problem of solvent exhausts. Test reports now indicate that the Oxycat unit (Oxy-Catalyst, Inc.) is still removing 99.6% of irritating solvent pollutants rising from Enamelstrip ovens.

This installation not only cleaned up the air pollution problem but, in the process of burning the pollutants, generated about 8,000,000 Btu/hr of usable heat energy. Enamelstrip has been channeling a portion of this heat back into its plant to run its paint baking ovens and other processes.

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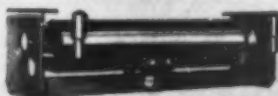
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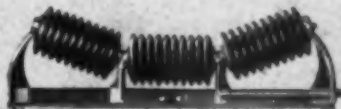
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In so doing, the company cut its monthly fuel bill by more than 90% or \$3,000 a month. This saving paid for the installation in six months. Since then, it has been clear profit.

- **TWO-WAY RADIO** for dispatching non-scheduled operations of lift trucks, tow cars and cranes, has paid off at Convair in Fort Worth, Texas. While most of the traffic operations are carried on a scheduled basis, there is a great deal of miscellaneous hauling and servicing for which vehicles must be dispatched.

Traffic department operates some 375 powered vehicles and to date 15 of these, devoted to non-scheduled operations, have been equipped with two-way radio. Truck operators can call for a new work assignment immediately after completion of a previous one, eliminating the time and mileage necessary to return to the central dispatcher.

- **TEMPERATURE-CHECKING CABLE** (plastic-coated copper circuit, with constantan thermocouples every five feet inside a wire rope) has been designed to detect deterioration in stored grains. When moisture or insects are present in stored grain, the affected area will heat. By keeping track of temperature changes, it is possible to know when to aerate or disinfect the grain and thus keep the loss to a minimum.

The PTC Cable Company unit, being manufactured by Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., can be installed vertically or horizontally in any shape or type of storage bin. In a typical grain elevator, cables are hung down into the bins and the grain poured in, completely surrounding the cable. Thermocouples, every five feet in the cable, indicate the slightest change in temperature.

Other industries that may be able to use temperature-controlling cable would be any that store hydrocarbons, such as coal or petroleum.

- **FIRE PROTECTION** developments such as high velocity water fog and chlorobromomethane will result in a reappraisal of present fire fighting techniques for utility company plants. Moreover, higher steam temperatures and higher short circuit currents have created greater hazards.

Recent improvements have been spectacular. Tests conducted at the River Junction Steam Plant of the Gulf Power Company demonstrated that the fires most likely to occur can be controlled more effectively with these modern means than with equipment heretofore available.

Official report of the fire tests and demonstrations is featured in this issue of SP&I. It shows that the operation of large overhead fog tips will control a fire on the top and sides of a transformer, regardless of its size. Such a system is preferable, from cost and operational standpoints, to a large number of fixed fog heads surrounding the transformer.

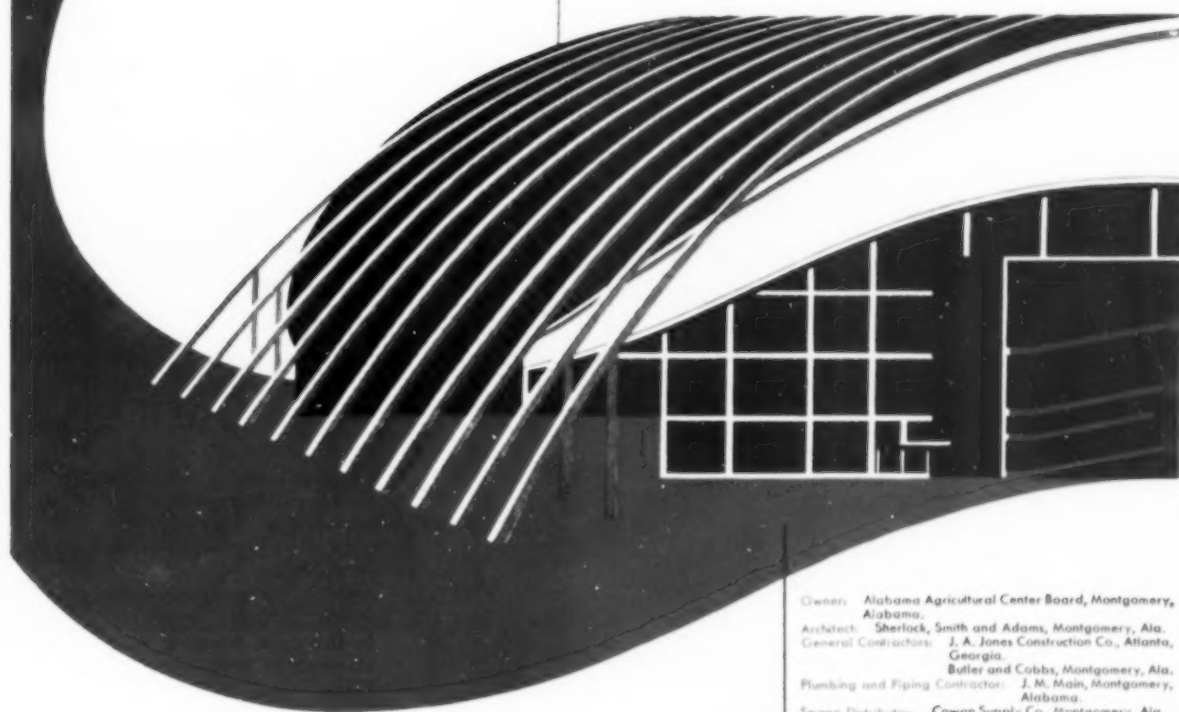
Modern fog system will form an excellent backbone of protection, but first and second line of defense should be portable carbon dioxide and chlorobromomethane units for controlling fire in its incipency as well as fixed carbon dioxide systems for protection of switchgear.

Write the editors for additional information on any of the above items.
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First transformer shipped . . .

TESTING finished transformers before they are shipped to the customer is an important feature of the new \$25 million Rome, Georgia, plant. Here part of the equipment that will supply power for test purposes is being installed.



General Electric's New Georgia Plant

The first transformer to roll off the production line of GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY'S nearly-completed, 25-million-dollar plant in Rome, Georgia,

was officially delivered to the GEORGIA POWER COMPANY in mid-January.

An 18-ton, 5,000-kva, three-phase unit, it was also the first transformer

of its size to be manufactured in the South. In a brief ceremony attended by officials of both companies, the transformer was started on its way to the power company's new Woodward Avenue sub-station in Atlanta.

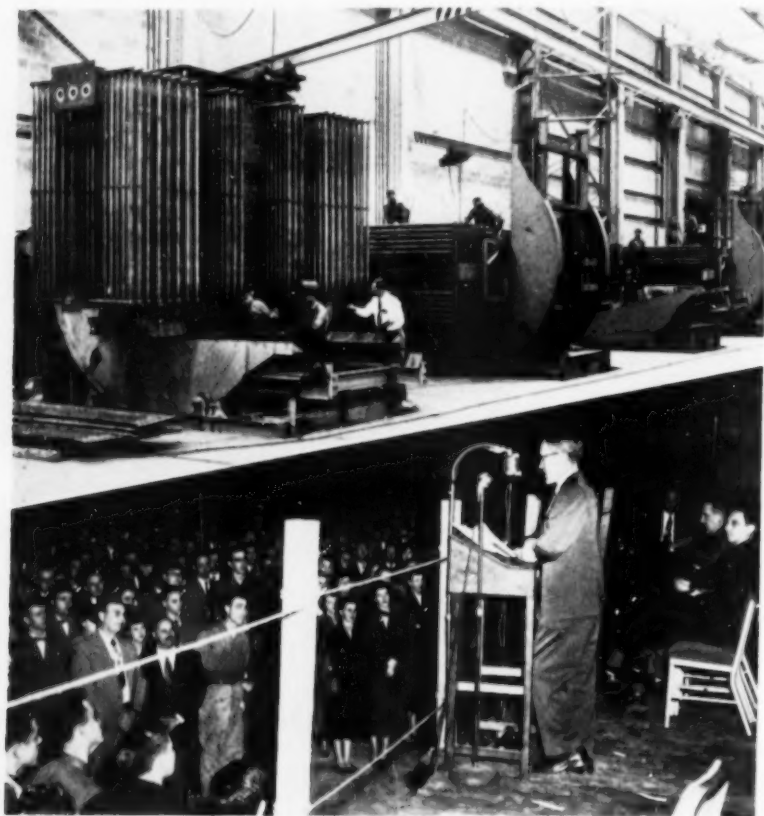
"This transformer," said J. M. OLIVER, vice president and general manager of Georgia Power, "is only the first of hundreds that will roll out of this plant when production reaches capacity. It means that consumption of electricity will continue to increase in this area, bringing an ever better standard of living to Georgia and the South."

ABOVE, LEFT—One of a long row of welding positioners. Transformer in foreground is in upright position; adjacent positioner holds transformer in side position.

LEFT—D. B. Lawton, manager, Rome, Georgia, transformer plant, addresses employees on the occasion of the delivery of the first transformer to the Georgia Power Company. Seated at the right are Hatlee Branch, Jr., president, Georgia Power, and W. S. Ginn, general manager of the G-E Transformer Department, Pittsfield.

D. B. LAWTON, manager of the huge new plant, said construction, which began in 1952, is expected to be completed in the spring of this year. Power transformers, rated 501 to 10,000 kva and weighing from 4 to 30 tons each, will be manufactured with a new near-conveyor-type system.

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Some 1,700 to 1,800 eventually will be employed at the plant.

The new methods and equipment will make the Rome plant the most modern operation in the transformer manufacturing industry, Lawton said.

JOHN AGER, Georgia Manager of the G-E Apparatus Sales Division, Atlanta, said the new plant "is a good example of the industrial expansion now taking place in the South and the part that General Electric, with its 'More Power to America' program, is playing in that expansion." He added

that the expansion of power facilities here "will help to bring more manufacturers to the South and increase the productivity of existing plants."

W. S. GINN, general manager of G-E's Power Transformer Department, Pittsfield, Mass., said, "This plant is the first we have ever built to mass produce small power transformers and marks a new era in our ability to furnish these units more quickly to supply the needs of industry. The Rome site was selected because it fulfilled the requirements for



The LaQuinta plant, on the north shore of Corpus Christi Bay, is operated by Reynolds Reduction Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reynolds Metals Company. Bauxite is unloaded at the pier (foreground) by belt conveyors. With the Reynolds San Patricio reduction plant (background) it is a completely integrated ore-to-aluminum operation.

New Alumina Plant Gives Texas Its First Completely Integrated Aluminum Facility

The LaQuinta alumina plant of REYNOLDS REDUCTION COMPANY, a wholly owned subsidiary of REYNOLDS METALS COMPANY, is now substantially completed and is being operated by the latter company. Located on the north shore of Corpus Christi Bay in south Texas, the plant has a rated output of 1000 tons of alumina daily.

It is the first alumina plant to be built in Texas. With the huge San Patricio reduction plant next door, it now gives Texas a completely integrated bauxite-to-aluminum operation.

Taking advantage of mild Texas weather, all the equipment is located out-of-doors. The facilities are built in two sections, each with a rated capacity of 500 tons of alumina daily. The two sections can be operated in-

dependently, or together, providing increased flexibility.

LaQuinta is designed especially to process Jamaica bauxite. Ocean-going vessels bring the bauxite up a 6½-mile channel 32 ft deep across Corpus Christi Bay to a new pier constructed on the waterfront side of the plant site. Here the ore is unloaded by belt conveyors and stored prior to processing.

Fuel for boilers and calcining kilns is natural gas with plant requirements totaling approximately 20,000,000 cu ft daily. Fresh water requirements for plant operations amount to approximately 2,500,000 gallons each day. This water is drawn from the facilities of nearby Corpus Christi

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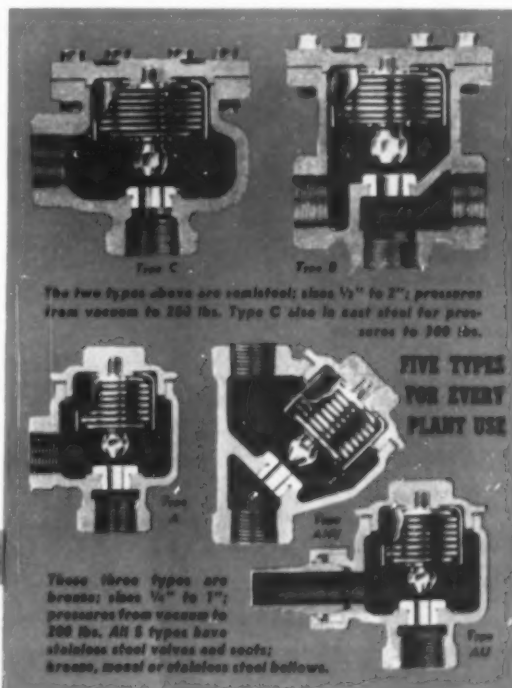
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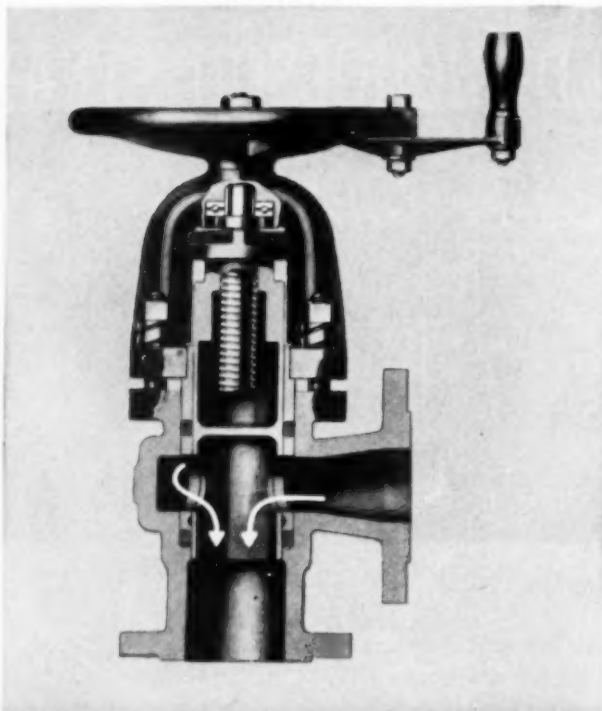
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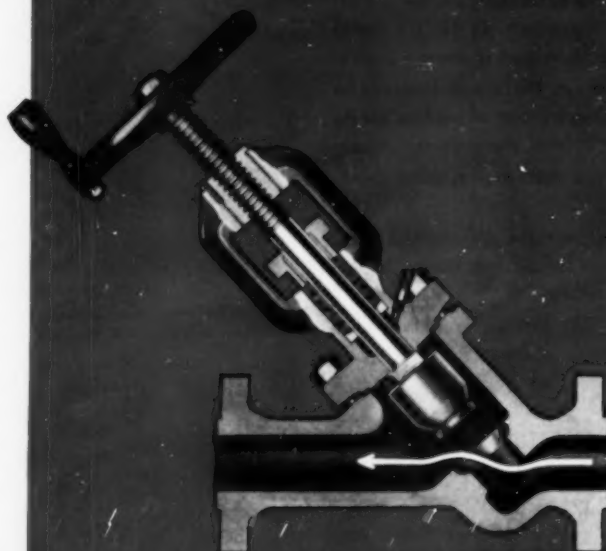
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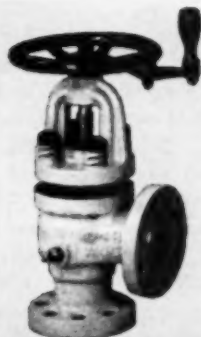
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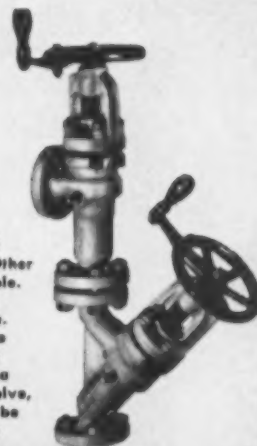


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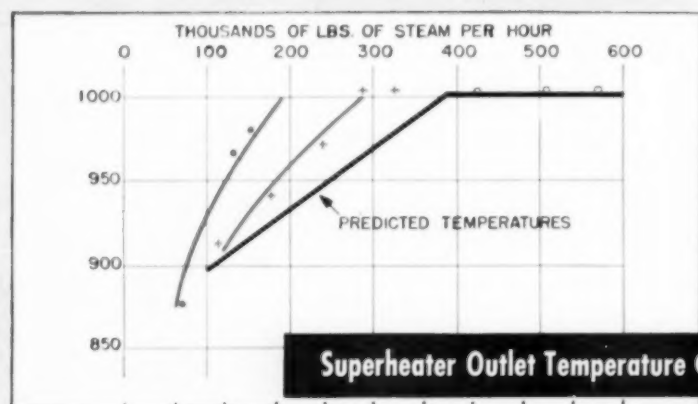
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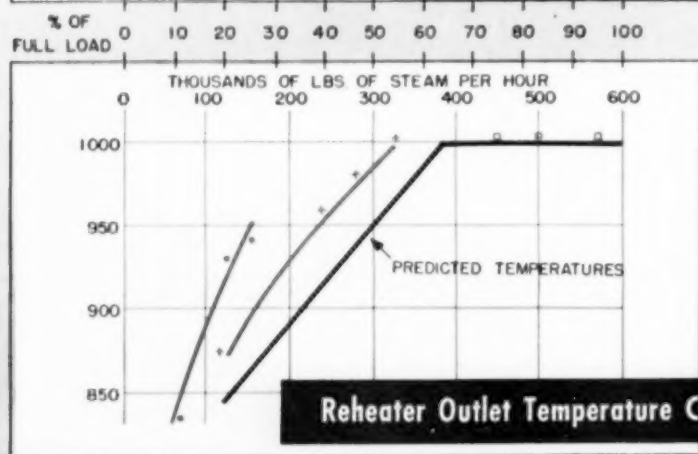
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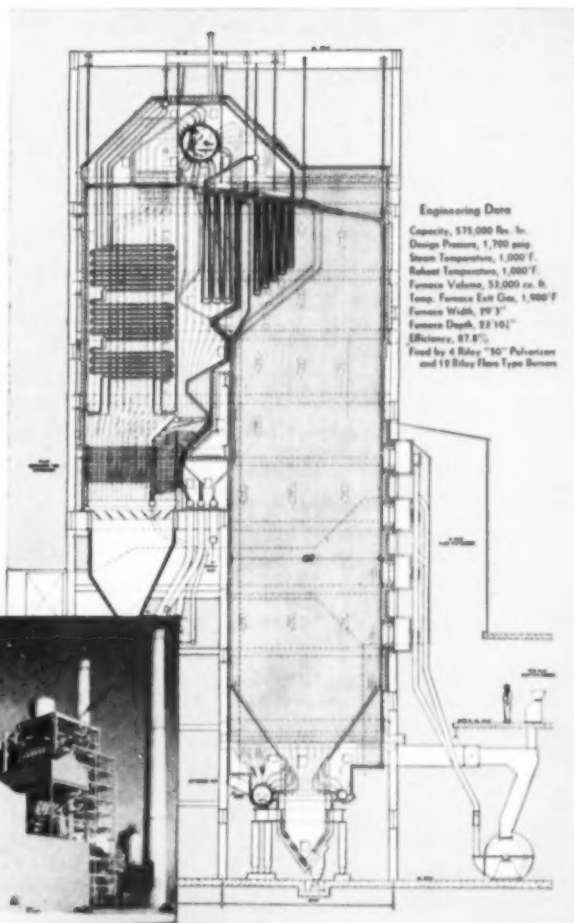
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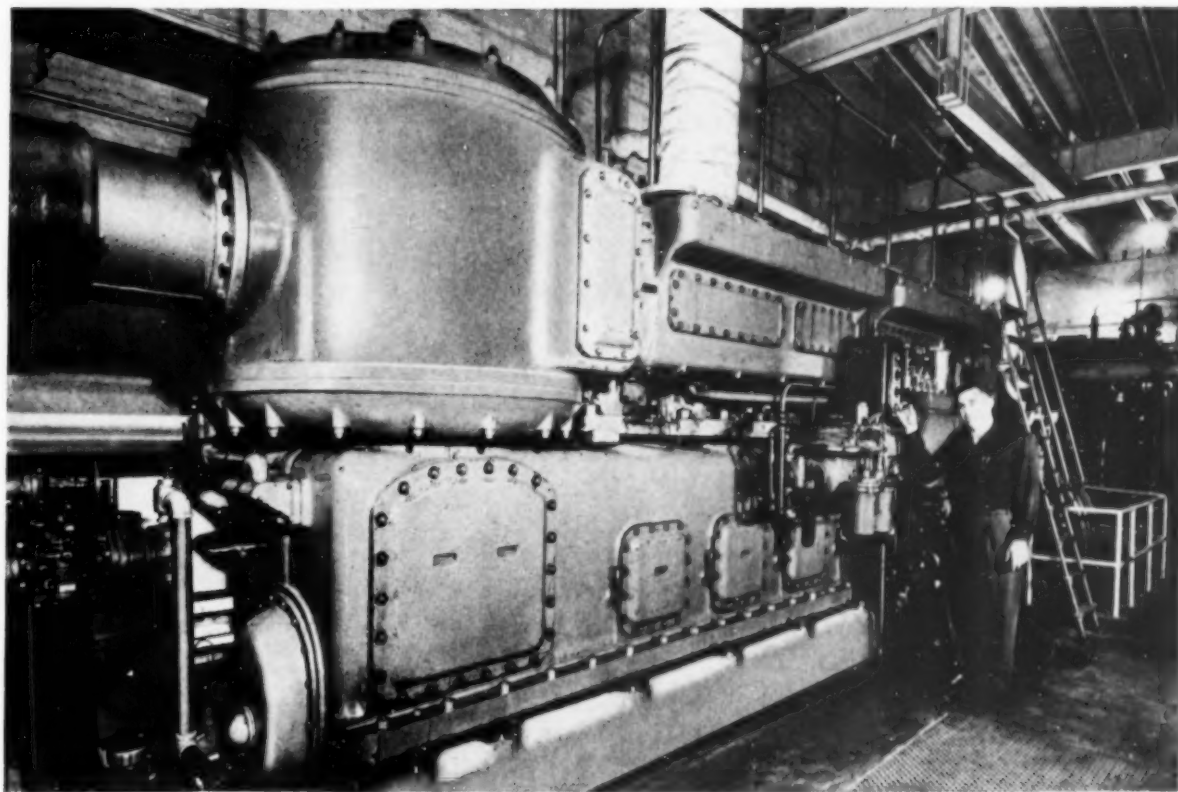
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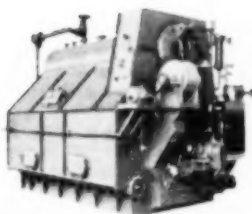
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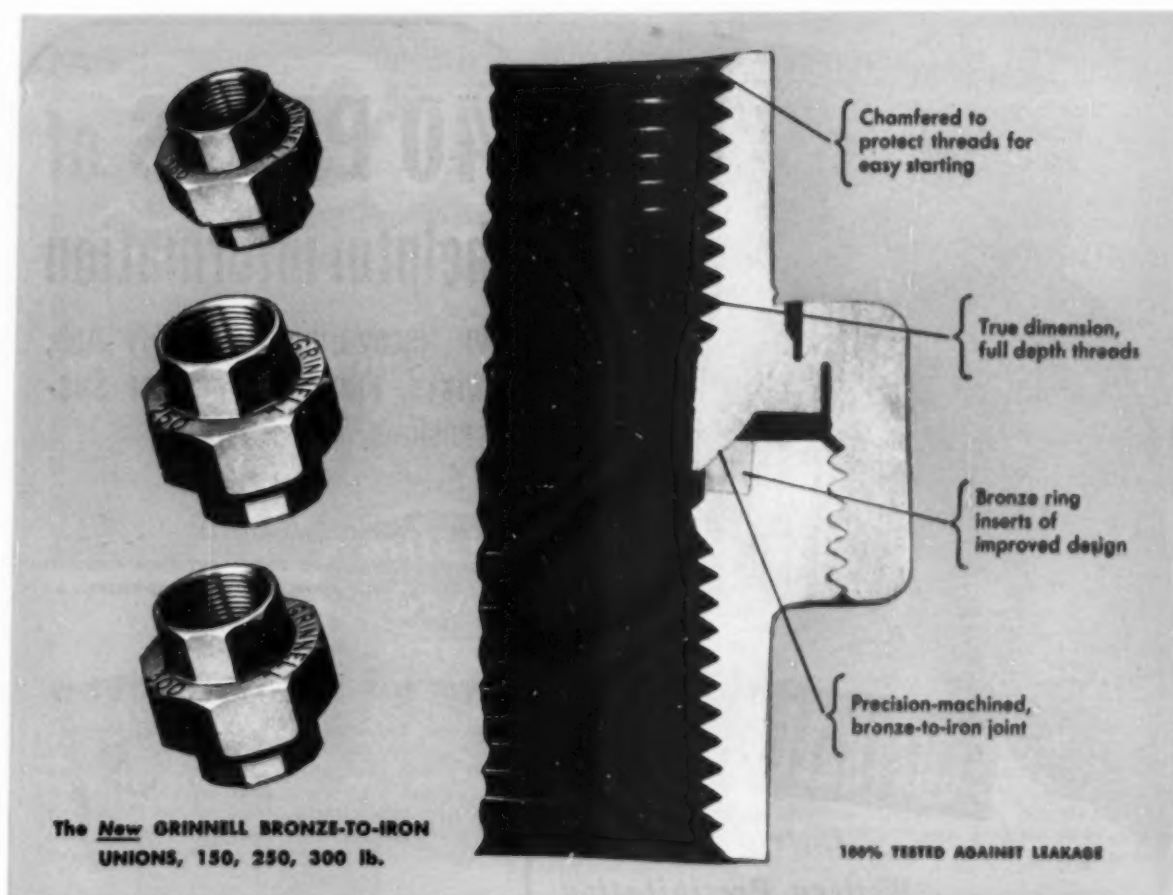
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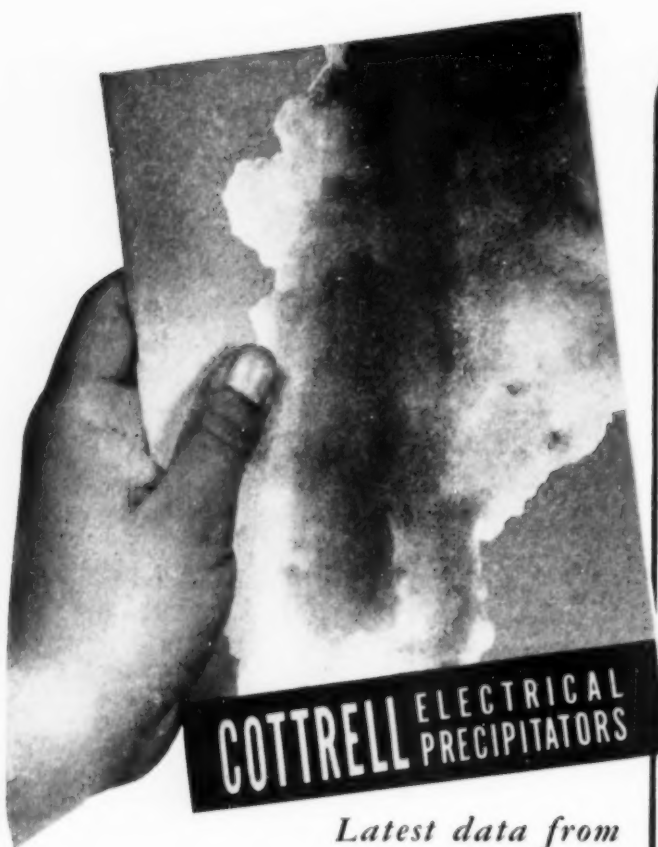
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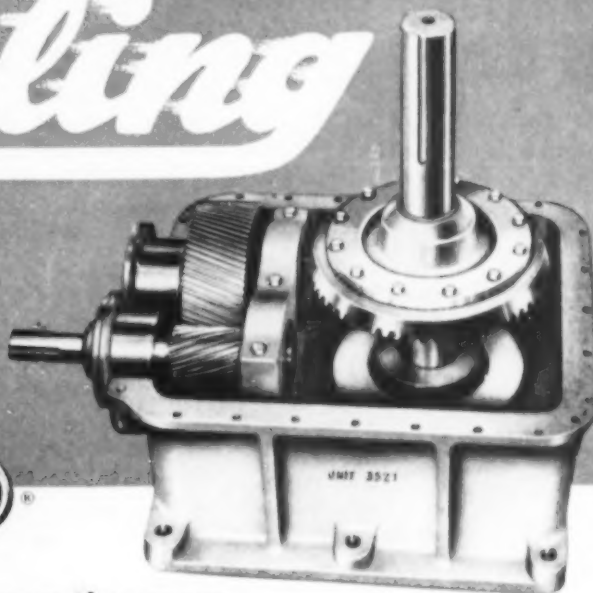
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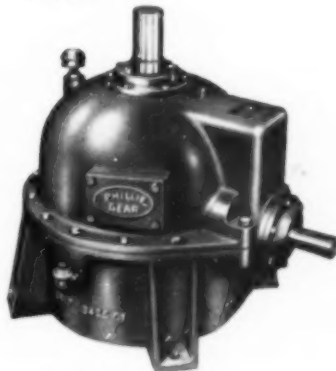
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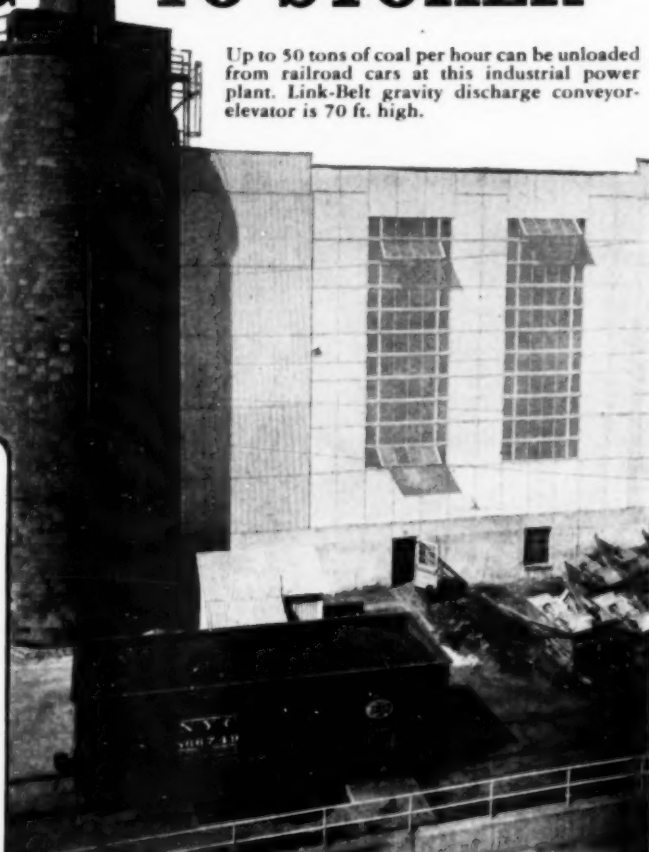
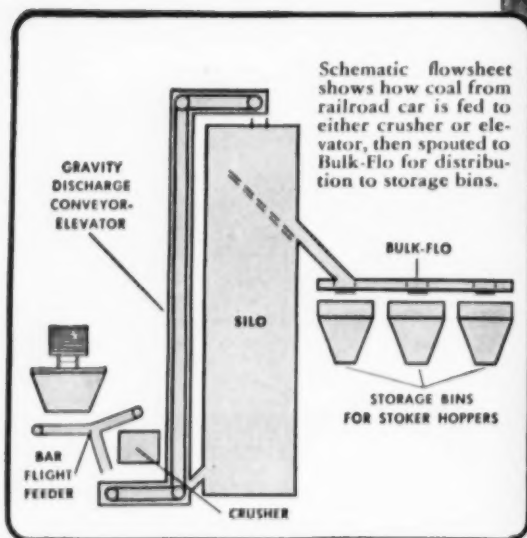
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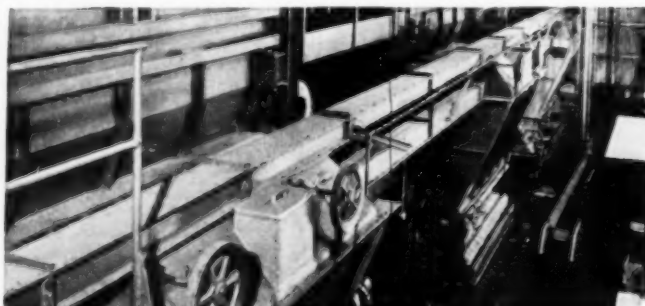
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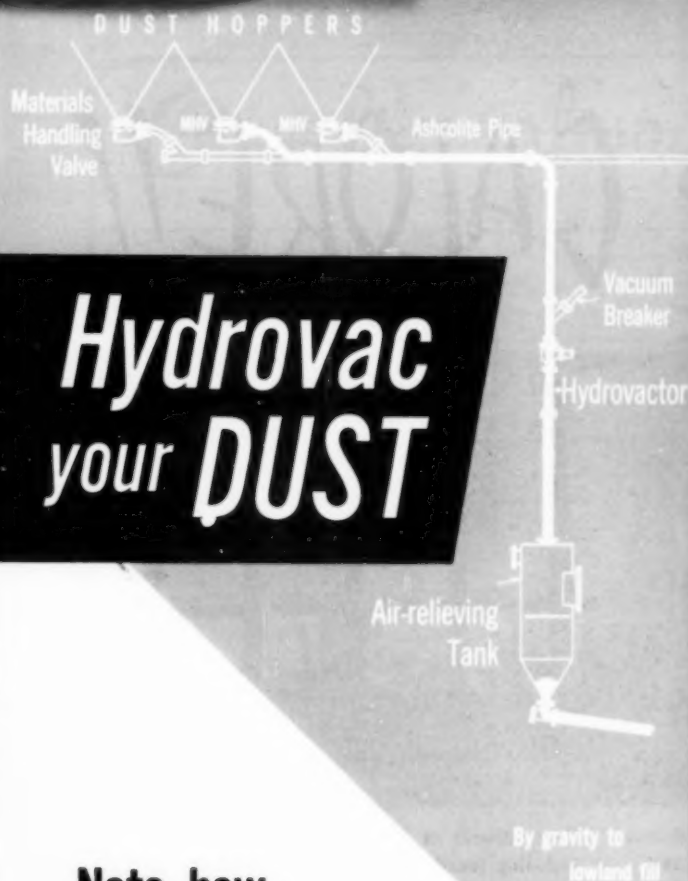
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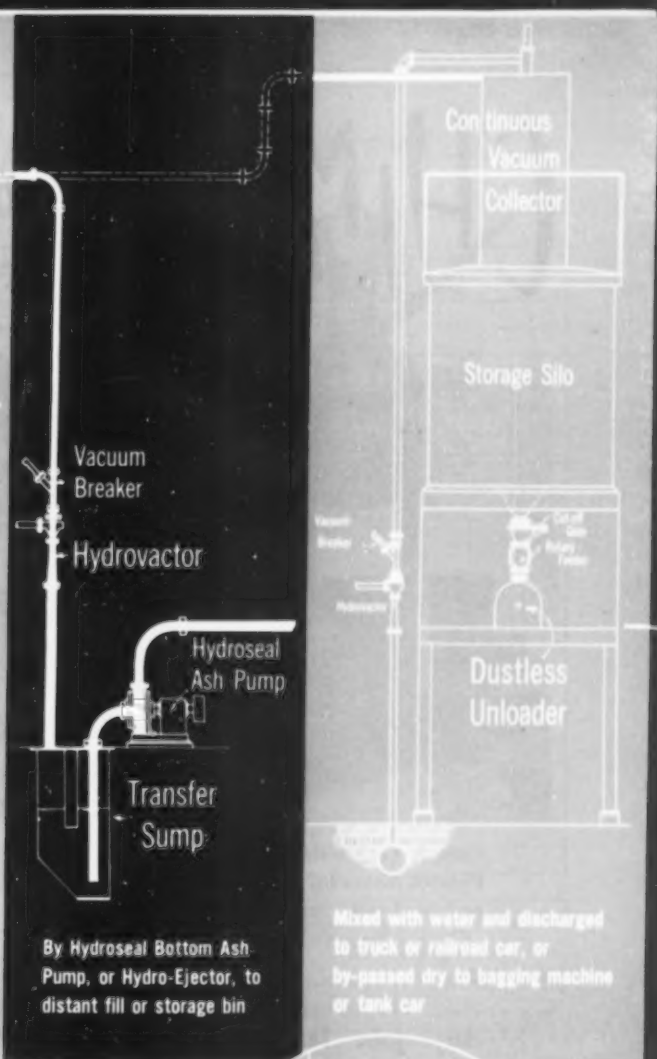


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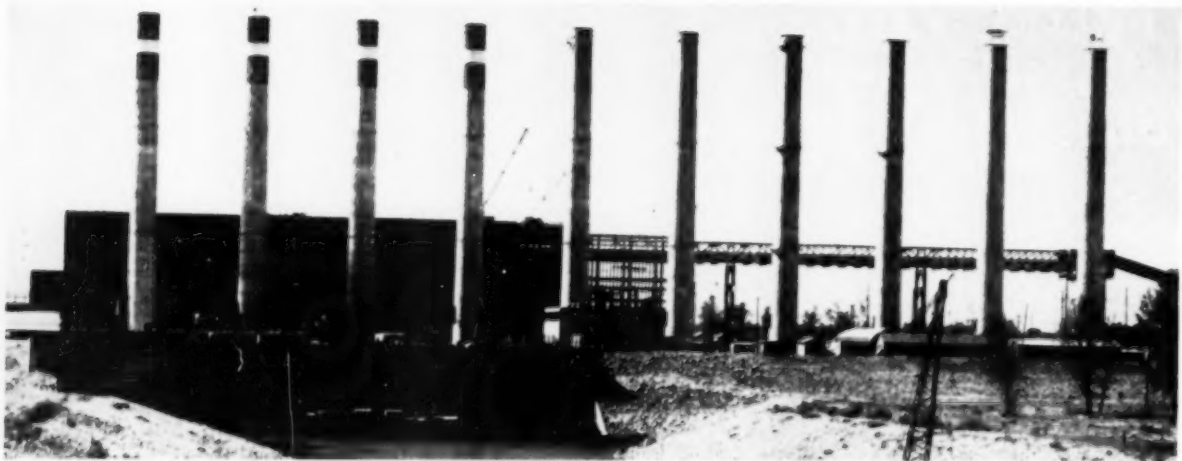
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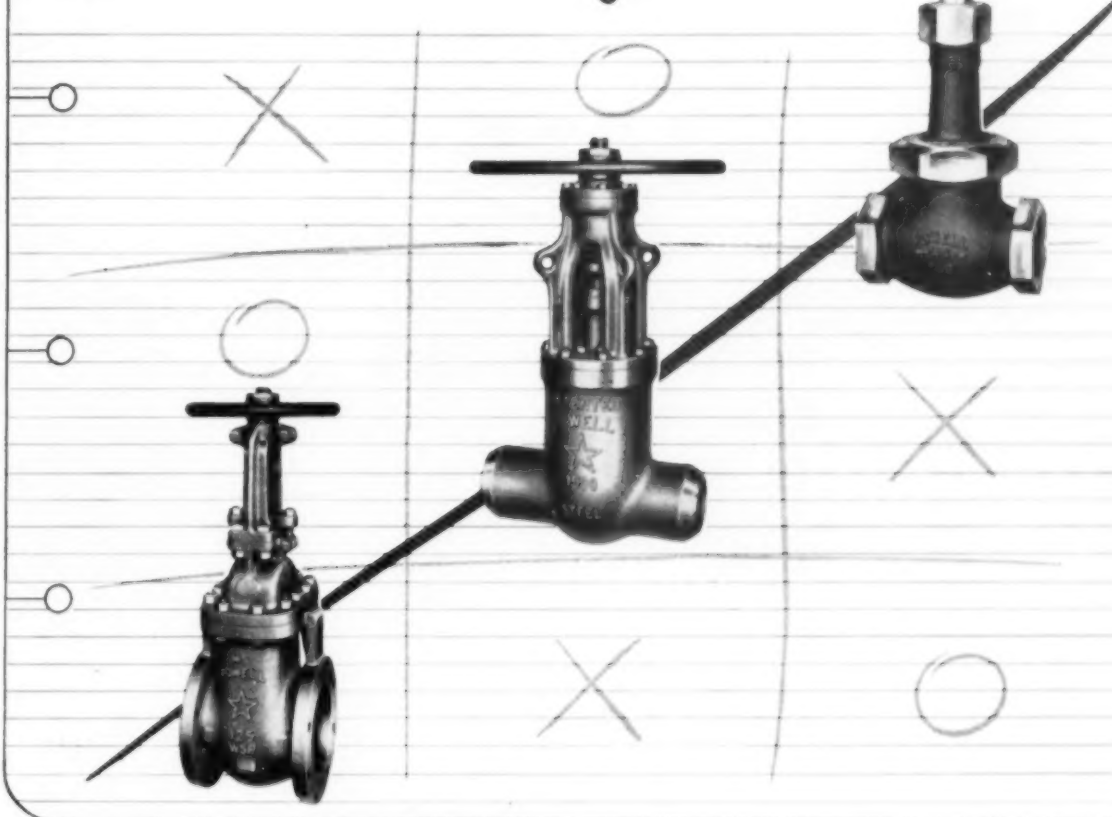
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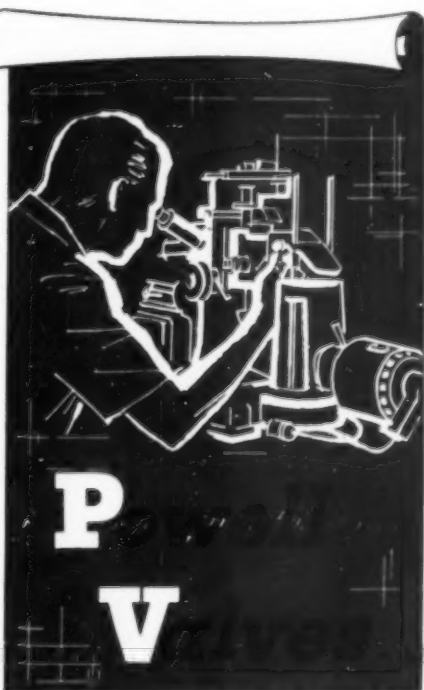
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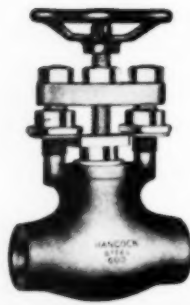
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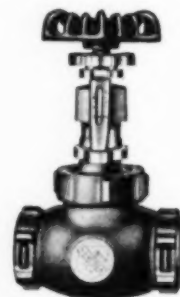


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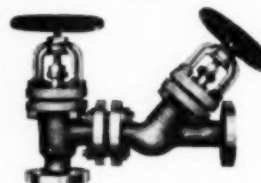
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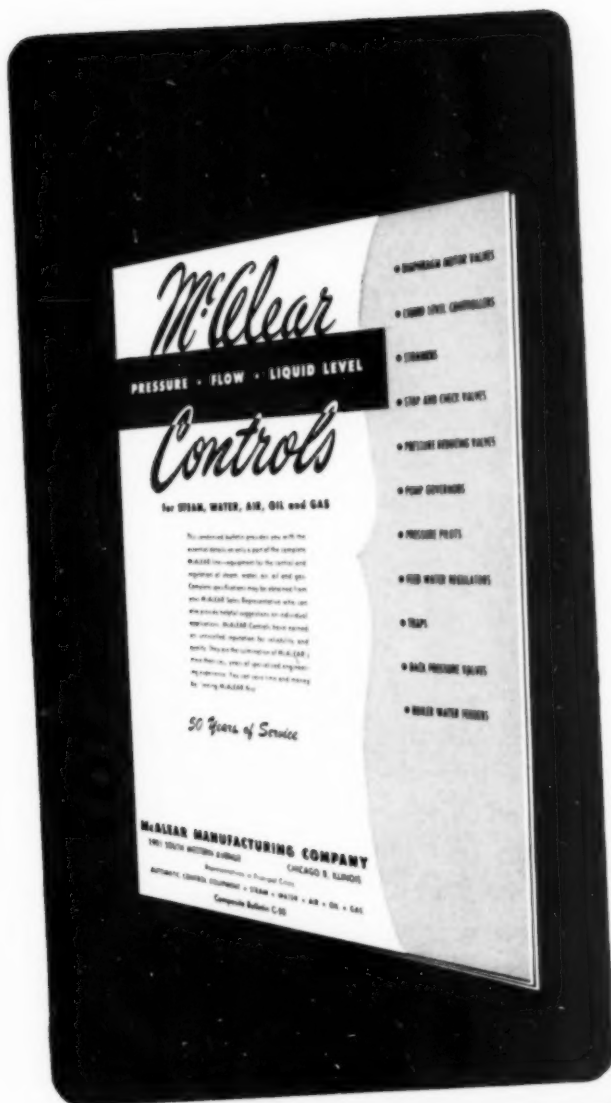


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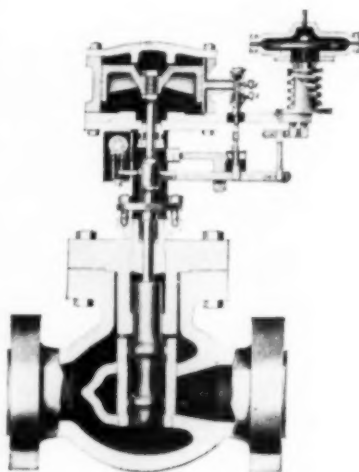
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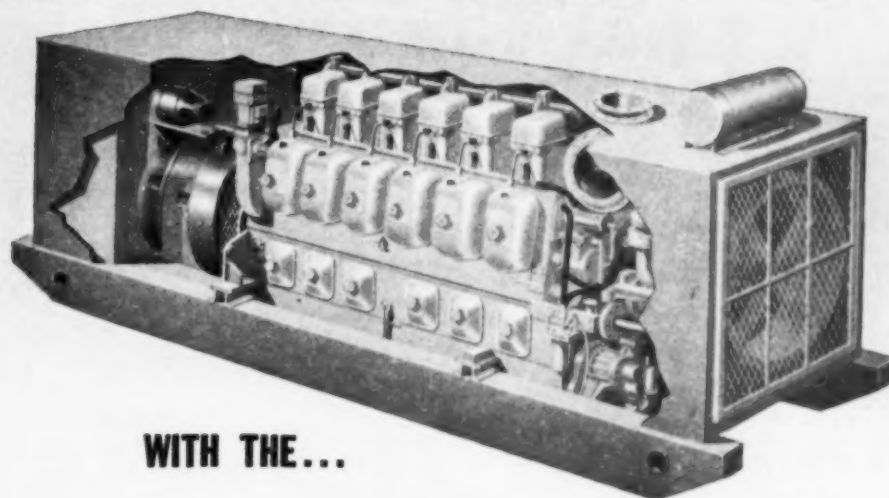
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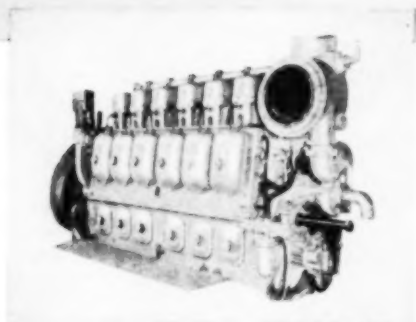
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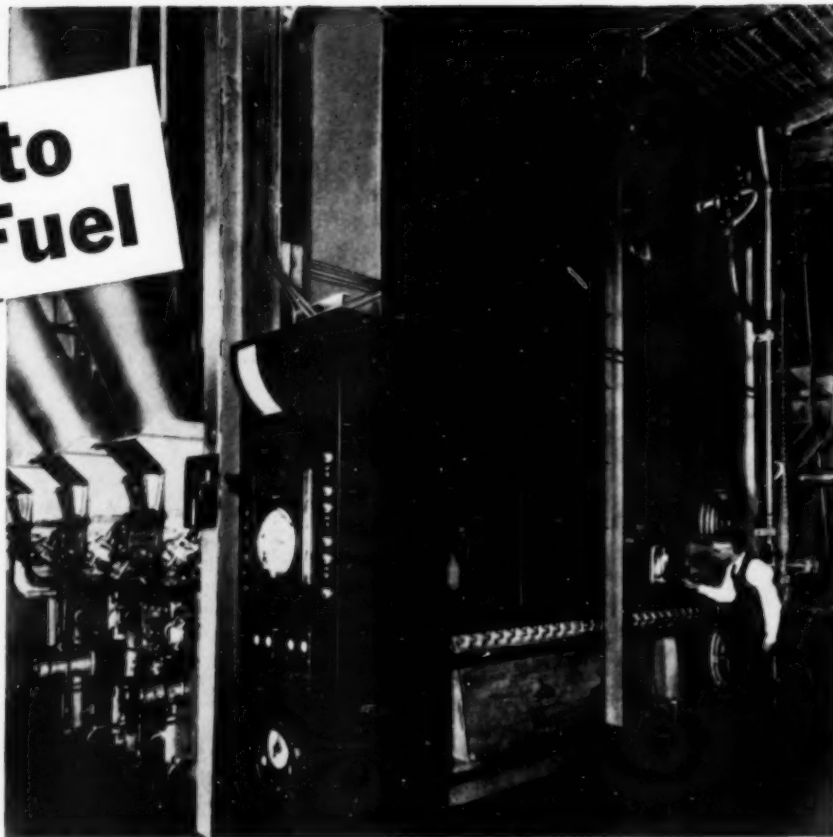
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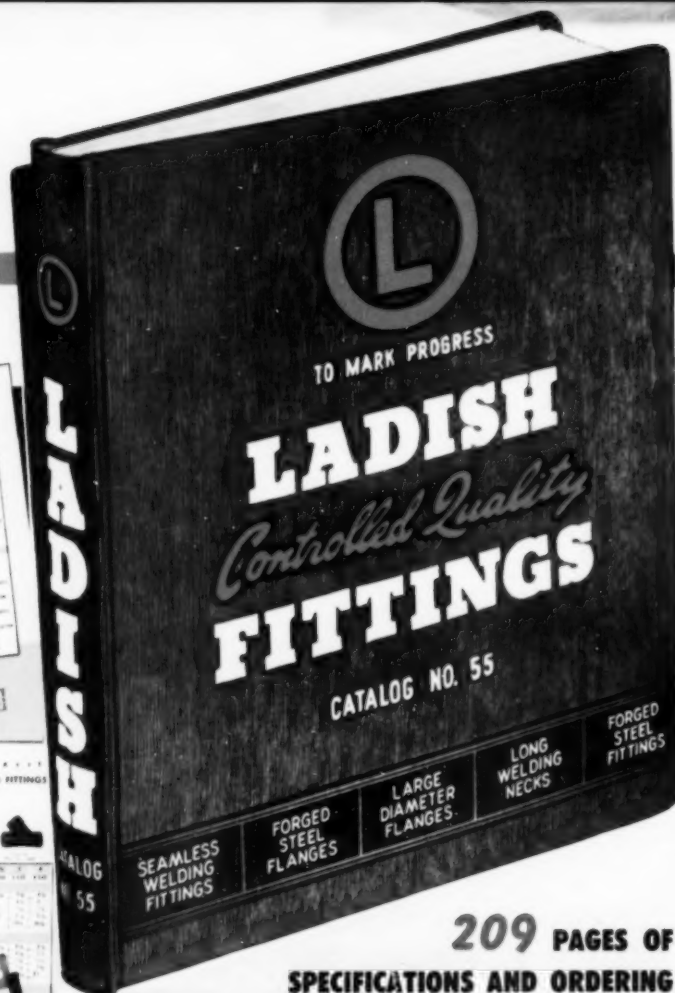
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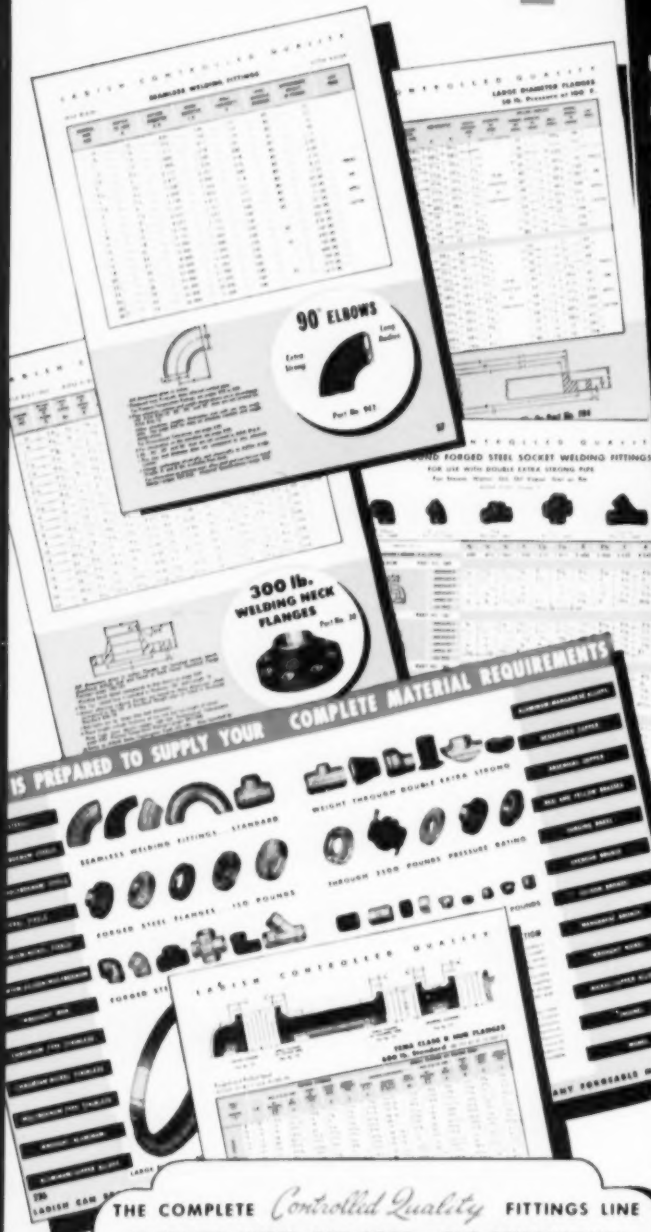
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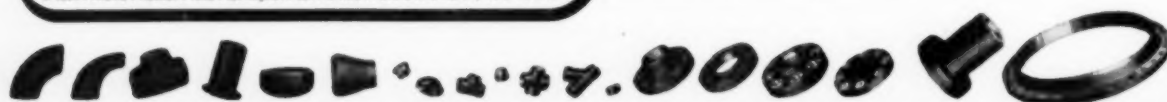


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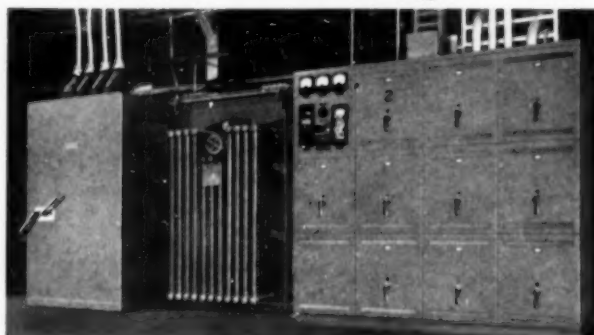
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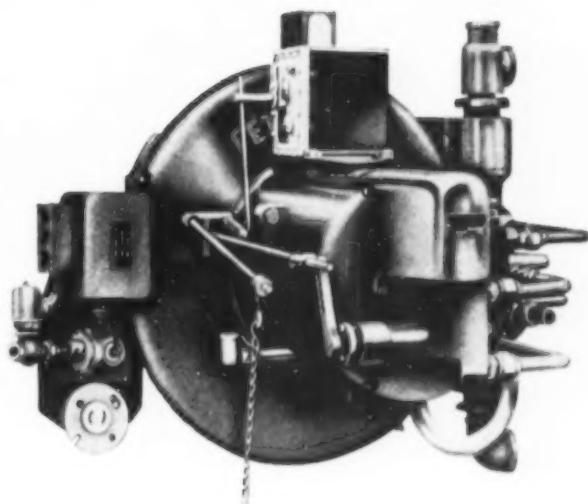
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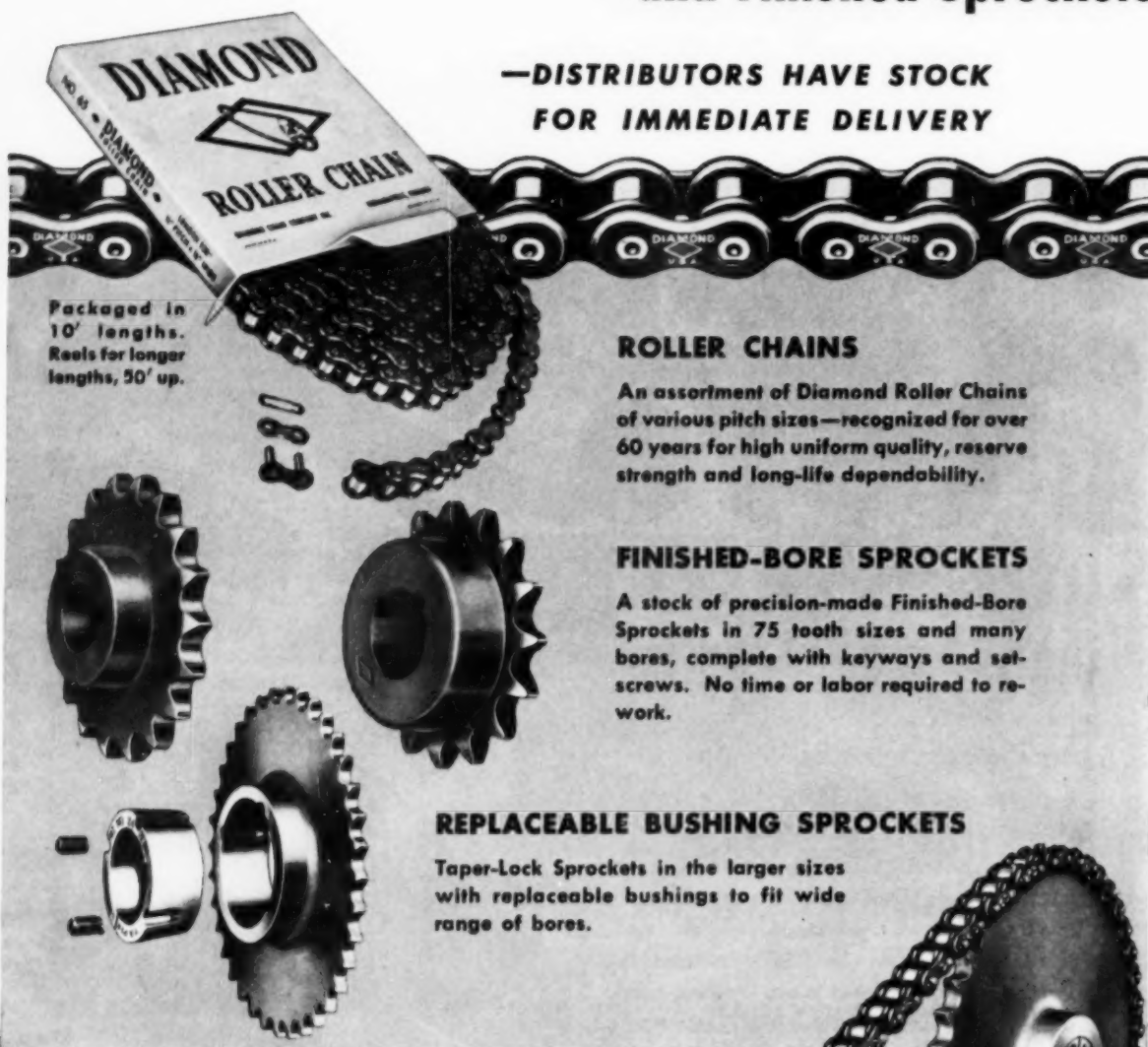
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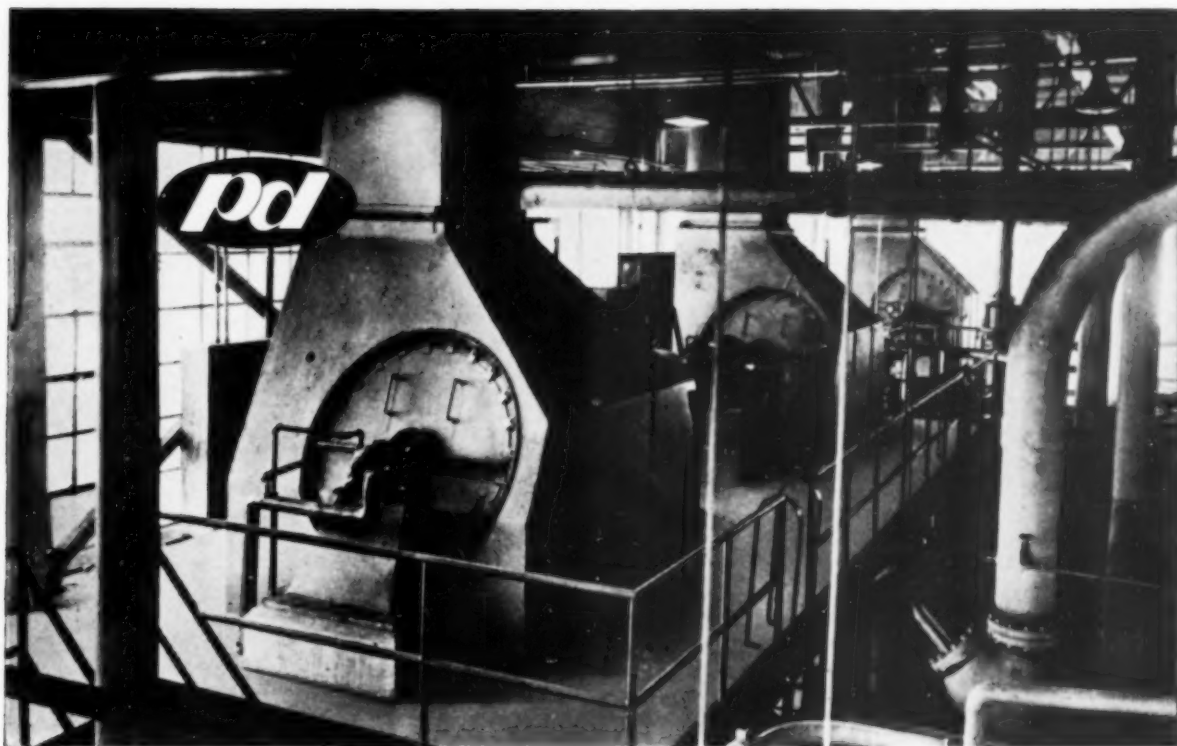


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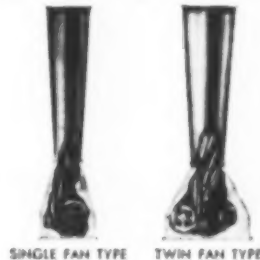
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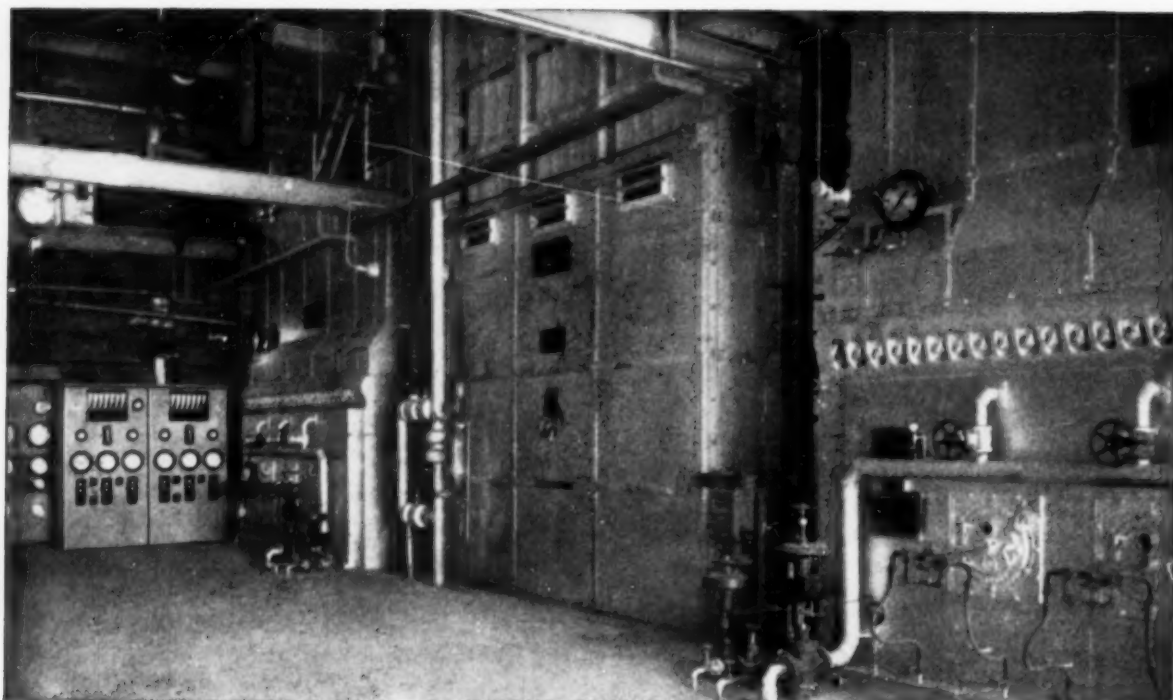
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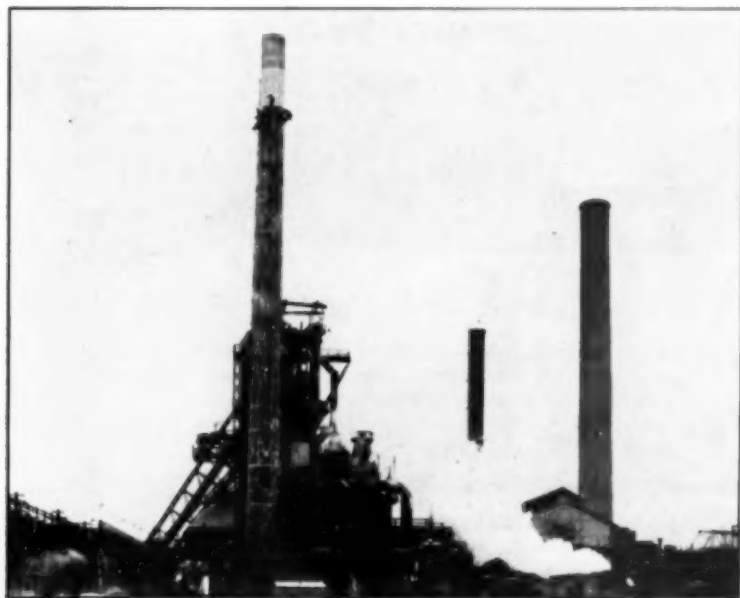
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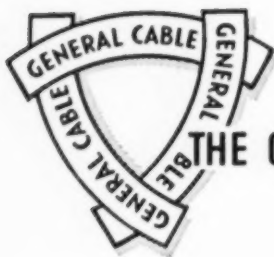
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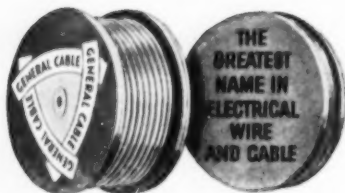
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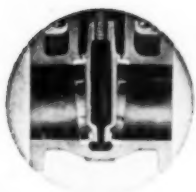
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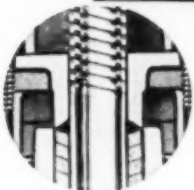
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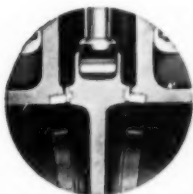
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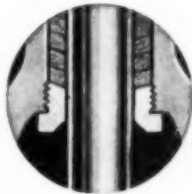
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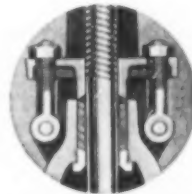
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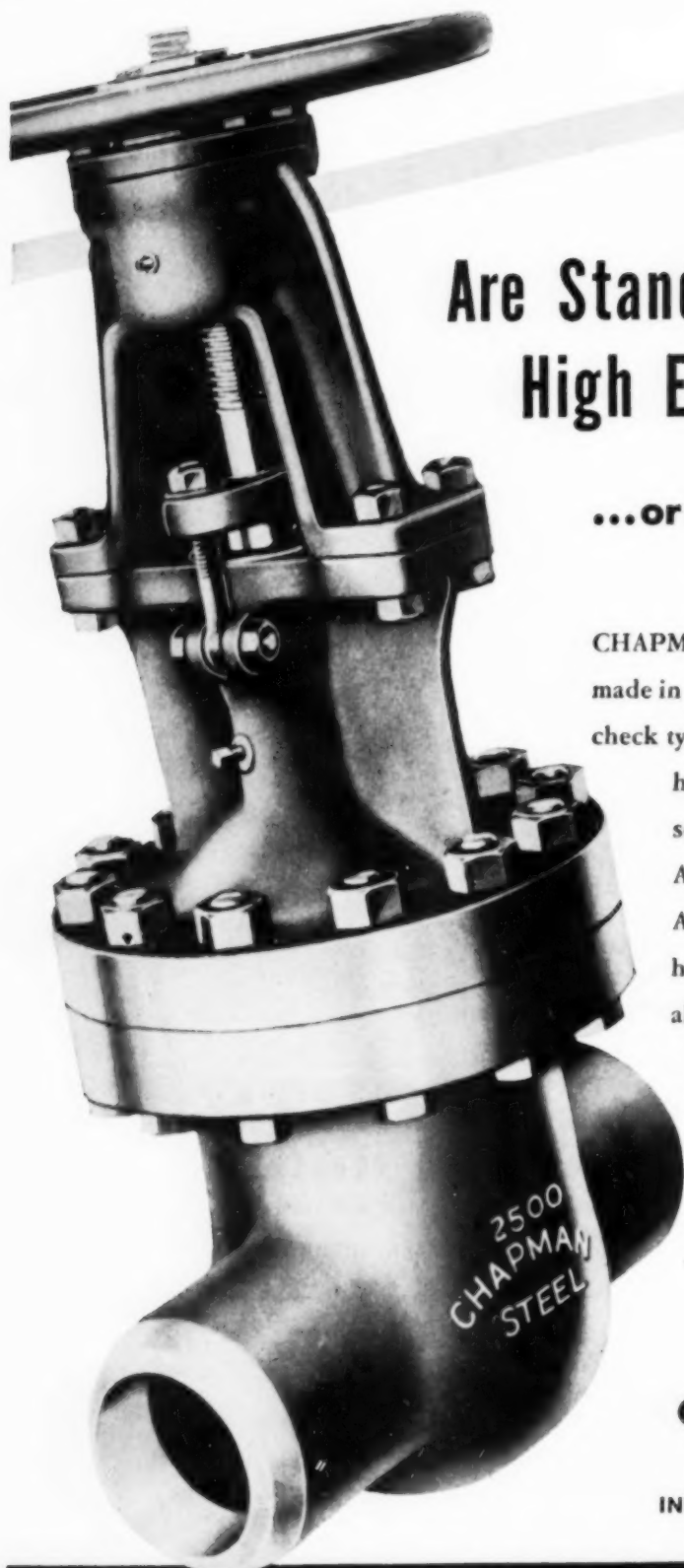
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If TV takes you places instead of bringing places to you, you are of the breed and the mind of scientists, engineers, and industrialists of America. In I/TV there are wonders. Most of them are to come but some are already here.

A recent issue of the *York Report* (published by the York Engineering & Construction and York-Gillespie Manufacturing companies of Pittsburgh) discusses I/TV, or industrial television, as distinguished from E/TV, or entertainment television. And I/TV, it says, is simmering on the back of prosperity's stove.

Man-wracking operations in foundries, blast furnaces, open hearths bow to TV control. A man pours molten steel in comfort—a half block away and upstairs, each move determined by a picture on his TV screen. TV eliminates close-up operation often involving accidents, heat, error and waste. Another worker pushes slabs off a conveyor into slab-treating furnaces, safely in his remote control cabin, watching TV, hitting his target every time, with no crew to help. An electronic eye gazes unblinkingly into the heart of a furnace. Is it ignited properly? Are burners functioning? Is the furnace

When TV is mentioned, we think of Godfrey, lovable Lucy, and Friday night fights, but not about TV's vast industrial potential.

product behaving correctly? A great TV show.

Cops and robbers? Well, RCA wanted to find out who was taking big television tubes from a stockroom. RCA, builder of I/TV equipment, was no shoemaker with unshod offspring. It mounted a closed-circuit television camera in the rafters and flooded the place with infrared light. The thief, unwitting and unwarned, walked in, picked up tubes, walked out and went right on to jail.

The Report cites many other uses of closed-circuit television, including the raising of the submarine *Affray*, introduction of new products by large companies, auctioning Florida fruit in a dozen cities at once, teaching surgery, checking military production, guarding prisons, verifying check signatures, and controlling smoke.

The day can come you may buy a house, farm, factory or a diamond for your wife without leaving your desk or doing more than flick a switch. Or you may buy a thousand shares of stock because what you see on your broker's closed circuit pleases you. Or you may hire your next secretary or executive vice president because of the qualities you perceive on your office screen.

They Just Won't Happen

The full potentials of I/TV will be realized only if we draw from the most creative imaginations and test the ideas in the reports of work, study, trial and error. The most valuable adaption may be so close before our eyes that we are overlooking it. Or it may be something so special that only one brain in a million can think of it.

The York Report concludes that no executive can afford to ignore industrial television, or neglect to explore possibilities of using it to speed, simplify or improve his plant production, or of linking of new or established products to the coming I/TV boom.



6 NEW HORTON DIGESTERS for cooking pulp

The sulphate pulp digesters illustrated in the accompanying views were built in our Birmingham shops for the St. Joe Paper Company at Port St. Joe, Florida. These digesters are 12 ft. in. diam. by 45 ft. long overall. They were designed, built, X-rayed and stress-relieved in accordance with Paragraph U-68 of the ASME Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels.

Welded digesters are typical examples of the type of steel plate work we are equipped to build. We also fabricate and erect Horton elevated tanks, standpipes, reservoirs, flat-bottom tanks, Hortonspheres, Hortonspheroids, and other steel plate structures of carbon steel or corrosion-resistant materials. Our shops are equipped for X-raying and stress-relieving and we have facilities for pickling and painting fabricated steel plate work.

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Industry Speaks

SOUTHERN POWER
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Mechanization and Electrification

In the long run, there's only one way. This one-two punch will help lick today's problem of maintaining and increasing productivity.

"ONE OF THE most important considerations in the cause of increased productivity is that it pays off in **increased profit**. I've never heard of anyone being in business because he didn't want to make a profit, and I'm still old-fashioned enough to believe that a healthy, fair margin of profit is a necessity for the existence of industry. That's something we can be proud of.

"By its own definition . . . more and better goods at the lowest possible cost . . . it's easy to see how productivity is the greatest single ingredient in the formula that brings us higher profits. And, of course, higher profits mean a more bountiful and longer lasting prosperity for everyone.

"Hand in hand with profits goes the **competitive strength** a business maintains. Our free economy consists of hundreds of thousands of separate enterprises, from shoemakers to the manufacturers of railroad locomotives.

"Each of us is aware of what will happen if we ever find ourselves in the position where our competitor can offer lower cost, or higher quality goods than those we can market. And yet, even though every businessman knows what will happen under these circumstances, there are hundreds of businesses each year which are forced to fall by the way because they have failed to maintain their competitive position.

"In most cases these fatalities within the ranks of industry are due to lack of planning to provide for increasing productivity through adaptation of the cheapest, fastest methods of high quality production.

Let's Cut Costs—Show a Profit

"What are the means of developing an organization which will assure a strong foundation and consistent profits? We might look at a hypothetical case, say a mousetrap factory, to explore some of the possibilities.

"Let's assume that to show a profit in our mousetrap factory, we'll have to cut our cost for producing each mousetrap. There are several ways in which we can do it.

"We can cut costs by **reducing wages**. That will bring down unit costs, surely. But, there's a catch.

"The mousetrap makers have a union . . . as who doesn't these days. No cutting their wages. And even if they weren't organized, they could go down the street to work in another factory where they would get the wages they demand.

"Well, maybe we can cut costs by having the employees work longer, and thus take greater advantage of our plant facilities. But we have to pay **overtime wages** then, and that **increases** costs. Overtime is not the answer.

"How about cutting down on the **cost of materials**. That cuts unit costs for a while—until the rejects pile up. Mousetraps are no good unless they'll catch mice.

"**Taxes?** Maybe we can get by a few taxes. No, better not.

"We might cut down on our **sales force**, instead. Salesmen take a big cut of the money that would come in. That'll help us show a profit. But that's an awful lot of mousetraps we've made. Good ones too, and no one's beating a path to our door to get them.

"No. There may be a lot of ways to cut costs, show a profit. For a while. In the long run, there's only one way.

"The most efficient, and quickest road to increased productivity and profits is through **mechanization and electrification**. Machines planned and installed to do more work at lower cost. Electric power is the most efficient and the most economical power to keep the machines running at optimum output. There is the one-two punch that will help lick this problem of maintaining and increasing productivity."

Adapted from the keynote address by S. L. Drumm, vice president, New Orleans Public Service, Inc., before the recent New Orleans Industrial Productivity Forum. Ten speakers, each a specialist in industrial productivity, appeared in the one-day forum, sponsored by Louisiana Power & Light Company, New Orleans Public Service Inc., and the General Electric Company.



PLASTIC PIPE LINE

Tenite butyrate pipe used by Carolina Power and Light Company for conduction of corrosive water. Quarter - of - a - mile line to operate at 50 psi.

CORROSIVE well water will be conducted through Tenite butyrate plastic pipe, in one of the first industrial installations of its kind,

by Carolina Power and Light Company at their new Wilmington Steam Electric Generating Plant, Wilmington, N. C.

The butyrate plastic pipe line, more than a quarter of a mile long, will deliver water from its source to large tanks where the water is to

SOLVENT CEMENT is applied to the pipe and the slip-sleeve couplings to make welded joints. It was necessary to cut the last length of the plastic pipe to fit. An ordinary hand saw was used.



PLASTIC PIPE is joined together in a continuous length on top of the ground before being lowered into the ditch, which is 30 in. deep.

be decarbonized. The water to be conducted is air saturated and contains a high percentage of carbon dioxide (CO_2). In the decarbonization process, the air and gas will be dispersed and the water will ultimately be used for all facilities of the new generating station.

Extruded of Tenite butyrate plastic, the corrosion-resistant pipe line has an inside diameter of 3 in. The 20 ft lengths were joined together by slip-sleeve couplings and solvent cement which provide, in effect, welded joints. It was not necessary to thread any of the couplings or pipe.

The speed with which the butyrate pipe was joined, and the ease with which it was handled, due to its light weight, made it possible to install the pipe line in less than half the time it would have taken with metal. Material costs were also considerably lower. Red brass pipe, the material originally considered for the line, would have cost almost twice as much as the butyrate plastic pipe.

It was necessary to cut the last length of the plastic pipe to fit. An

ordinary hand saw was used for this purpose. Where the line passed

under the railroad, it was protected
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ONE MAN can easily handle the pipe. Before covering with earth the line was satisfactorily tested up to 70 psi. Quarter-of-a-mile pipe line was installed in less than half the time that it would have taken with metal.



Now a practical reality; first large-scale atomic plant authorized . .

An Appraisal of ATOMIC POWER

Reactions and fuels . . coolants . . power plant . . economics

ATOMIC POWER cannot be justifiably called "cheap" power under present economic conditions. Before one can proceed with a reliable atomic plant cost analysis, engineers and metallurgists will need to solve many challenging problems. However, none of them are insurmountable and in time they should be solved.

MANY OF THE ANSWERS will be found when the first large-scale atomic power plant, recently authorized, goes into operation.

WITH THE PROSPECT of early development of an atomic power plant, plant engineering personnel will be especially interested in establishing a general familiarity with the important aspects of atomic power.

THE recently announced decision of the Atomic Energy Commission to proceed with the design and construction of a large-scale atomic power plant has removed the prospect of atomic power from the realm of pure conjecture. Atomic power now promises to occupy, in the very near future, a position of economic, political and social significance. One can now hope that the arrival of atomic power as a practical real-

Basic Concepts of Nuclear Reactions

Nuclear fission is said to take place when the nuclei of certain heavy elements capture free neutrons which cause the nuclei to split into two fragments, known as fission fragments, attended by the release of neutrons and a large amount of energy. The important fissionable elements are: U-235 (uranium-235), Pu-239 (plutonium), and U-233 (uranium-233). Fertile elements undergo spontaneous fission at a very slow rate and by radioactive decay are transmuted into fissionable elements. For example, when the nucleus of U-238 absorb a neutron, beta decay follows and the fissionable element Pu-239 is obtained. Similarly Th-232 (thorium-232) yields U-233 which is fissionable.

Now natural uranium occurs as a mixture of 0.006 per cent U-234, 0.71 per cent U-235 and 99.28 per cent U-238. In order to use pure U-235 as a fissionable element it is necessary that it be removed from the natural uranium by a complex and expensive chemical or physical process. These processes were used originally at Oak Ridge to obtain U-235 as the fissionable element for the atomic bomb.

It is important to note, however, that the electrical energy required for these separation processes approaches in magnitude the quantity of electrical energy which could be generated eventually in an atomic power plant using U-235 as a nuclear fuel. Furthermore the reserves of U-235 are limited which would make the development of atomic power somewhat fanciful.

Fortunately, there is no particular advantage in using

U-235 as the fissionable element, and a process of transmutation which provides Pu-239 or U-233 from natural nuclear fuels (natural uranium or thorium) is to be preferred since it eliminates the costly separation process needed for U-235. Also, the reserves of nuclear fuels are thereby increased manifold. Pu-239 and U-233 may be very easily separated from the products of fission by a comparatively inexpensive and simple chemical process.

Fig. 1 shows schematically the fission of U-235. A neutron is captured by a nucleus of U-235 which, as noted earlier, causes the atom to split into two fission fragments with the release of energy and the emission of beta and gamma radiation. The fission fragments undergo beta decay to form stable nuclei and become the waste products of fission. One to three neutrons are released in fission to be captured by other nuclei of U-235 and thus sustain a chain reaction.

Only one neutron is required to sustain the reaction at a constant rate; another neutron may be used to transmute U-238 or Th-232 into a fissionable element. The third neutron may not be released or it may be lost from the reactor, absorbed accidentally by the reactor materials or, by design, in non-fissionable neutron-absorbing materials introduced to control the reaction rate.

Fig. 2 shows schematically the fission of Pu-239. The nuclear fuel used in this reaction is natural uranium. One of the neutrons released during fission is absorbed by a nucleus of U-238 to yield U-239 which undergoes beta decay to become successively Np-239 (neptunium) and

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ity will parallel the swift development of the gas turbine resulting from the concentrated effort required by wartime necessity.

With the prospect of early development of an atomic power plant, plant engineers will be especially interested in the technical aspects of this new means for producing electrical energy. The purpose of this article is to establish a general familiarity with the important aspects of atomic power.

A detailed presentation is clearly impossible in a concise article, and for this reason a rather complete bibliography is provided for those who wish to pursue the subject further.

The essential difference between conventional and atomic power plants lies in the source of energy. Thus the nuclear reactor, in which fission of nuclear fuels with a release of energy occurs, supplants the furnace of the steam power

plant or the combustor of the gas-turbine power plant where the combustion of fuels is accompanied by a release of energy. We may assume tentatively that the rest of the power plant except for the heat exchanger, or boiler, is essentially unchanged.

Nuclear Reactors

Nuclear reactors may be classified according to a number of distinguishing characteristics. How-

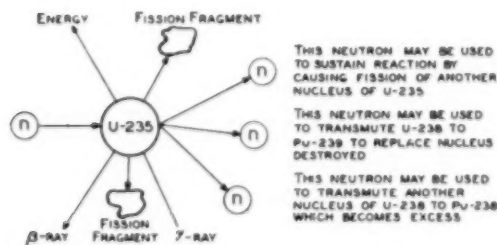
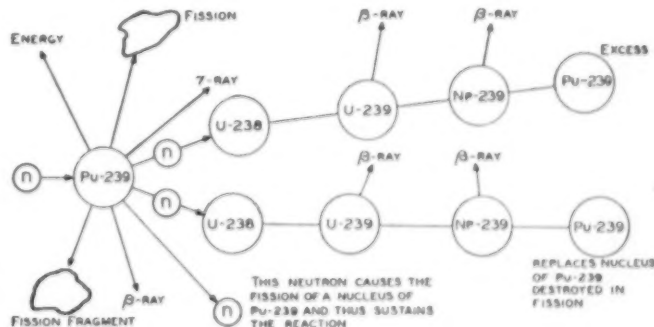


FIG. 1. Nuclear fission of U-235. FIG. 2. (right) Nuclear fission of Pu-239 with breeding of Pu-239 from U-238.



finally the fissionable element Pu-239. This replaces the original atom of Pu-239 destroyed by fission. The transmutation of U-238 is given by the equation:



A second neutron is captured by another nucleus of Pu-239 to sustain the reaction. Neutrons in excess of two are utilized to transmute another nucleus of U-238 to Pu-239 which is excess and can be sold.

In a similar manner Th-232, which is another natural nuclear fuel, may produce an excess of U-233. The equation for this transmutation is:



where Pa is the symbol for praeactinium.

The reaction described by Fig. 2 is known as a breeder reaction, i.e., fissionable elements are produced from fertile elements in excess of those required to sustain the reaction at a constant rate and the release of energy is a by-product. But, the power engineer looks upon the production of excess fissionable elements as the by-product.

The breeder reaction has several important advantages. First natural nuclear fuels may be used directly without the need for prior separation of the fissionable elements. In the second place more fissionable atoms are produced than are destroyed and hence the reserves of nuclear fuels are increased immensely.

On this basis the known reserves of nuclear fuels equals the coal reserves in terms of energy. Finally the excess fissionable elements produced may pay for the natural nuclear fuels used, an extremely important consideration.

ever, it is sufficient for our purposes to consider only a few of these characteristics. A reactor may be moderated (thermal reactor) or unmoderated (fast reactor) and it may be homogeneous or heterogeneous.

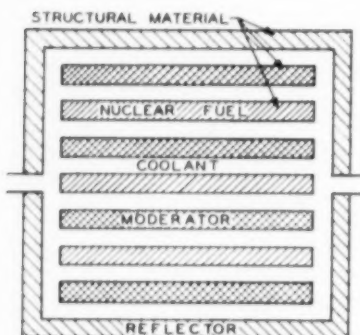


FIG. 3. Schematic representation of nuclear reactor.

Fig. 3 shows diagrammatically the principal elements of a reactor. The fissionable or fertile materials have been discussed in the section "Basic Concepts." A **moderator** is used in the so-called thermal reactor. Its pur-

pose is to slow down, through successive collisions with the moderating material, the high-velocity neutrons released in fission to thermal-energy levels before their absorption by fissionable or fertile nuclei.

A neutron released in fission has a velocity of the order of 12,000 miles per second which corresponds to a temperature of about 30×10^9 F. If the neutron is slowed down so as to be in equilibrium with a corresponding reactor temperature of, say, 1000 F the fission-capture cross section is about 350 times as large as when the neutrons are at the high velocity of 12,000 miles per second. This may be viewed as increasing the size of the target (the fissionable nucleus) 350 times from which it is clear that considerably less fissionable material is required.

A moderator must, of necessity, have a low-capture cross section in order to reduce the loss of neutrons through absorption on collision. Materials such as light or heavy water, carbon, and beryl-

lium or its oxide make very good moderators.

The moderated reactor is comparatively easy to control and the inventory of fissionable material can be smaller than in an unmoderated reactor. Nevertheless, despite the low-capture cross section of the moderating material, the moderator does serve as a source of loss for neutrons. Where a high breeding rate is desired this source of loss is eliminated by using an unmoderated reactor. Experience with the unmoderated reactor indicates a reliability equally as good as that experienced with the moderated reactor.

The reactor core is surrounded by a **reflector** to reflect stray neutrons, which would otherwise escape from the reactor, back into the core through scattering collisions. Any good moderating material makes a good reflector. However, the reflector may contain fertile material from depleted nuclear fuels (such as U-238 from depleted natural uranium) and in this way the stray neutrons can be used for breeding purposes.

Glossary of Atomic Power Terms

THE atomic power age has introduced its own names and terms, some of which may sound strange to the ears of power engineers. However, one can be confident that this strangeness will disappear in the not-too-distant future and these terms will become household words in the power world. In order to dispel some of the mystery of newness which surrounds atomic power terms, a few of the more important ones introduced in this article are defined.

ATOMIC MODEL—Neutrons are subatomic particles of mass with no electrical charge which form with protons (positively charged particles) a closely packed group called the **nucleus** of an atom. Outside the nucleus, but at relatively large distances from it, are negatively charged particles called **electrons**.

FISSION—When the impact of a high speed neutron on the nucleus of an atom liberates some of the neutrons in the nucleus with a release of energy, **fission** is said to take place.

FISSIONABLE ELEMENT—This may be any of the six elements which are known to undergo fission under neutron bombardment of their nuclei; i. e., uranium, thorium, plutonium, bismuth, protoactinium, and lead.

FISSION FRAGMENT—When the nucleus of a fissionable element is bombarded with a neutron the nucleus splits to form new elements or isotopes which are known as **fission fragments** or **fission products**. For example, when the nucleus of uranium undergoes fission, over a hundred different isotopes of more than 20 elements are detectable among the fission fragments.

FERTILE ELEMENT—An element which is not in itself fissionable but when its nucleus is bombarded by a neutron it is transformed into a fissionable element.

NATURAL NUCLEAR FUEL—A mixture of fissionable elements, fertile elements, and impurities obtained after refinement from the ore.

BETA DECAY; GAMMA DECAY—The voluntary emission of beta and gamma radiations from an element results in its spontaneous change to another element. This process is known as **beta decay** or **gamma decay** as the case may be.

MODERATOR—A substance having an ability to absorb neutrons without undergoing fission. Hence a moderator is used to slow down the nuclear reaction rate by removing neutrons which otherwise might bombard the nucleus of a fissionable element.

THERMAL REACTOR—A reactor which utilizes a moderator to control the reaction rate is called a thermal reactor.

FAST REACTOR—An unmoderated reactor in which nuclear reaction proceeds at a steady rate.

REFLECTOR—A material used to prevent the escape of stray neutrons from the reactor.

HOMOGENEOUS REACTOR—A reactor in which the nuclear fuel is introduced in a homogeneous solution with a moderator is called a **homogeneous reactor**.

HETEROGENEOUS REACTOR—If the nuclear fuel is introduced into the reactor separately, and is isolated from other materials in the reactor, such a reactor is said to be **heterogeneous**.

The fissionable, fertile and reflector materials (also moderators if used) must be supported by some **structural material** which has adequate strength, durability, and a low-capture cross section. Furthermore, the structural material must be corrosion and erosion resistant and at the same time protect the nuclear fuel, moderator and reflector from the corrosive and erosive effects of the coolant.

When one considers all of these requirements which must be satisfied at high temperatures in power reactors, the magnitude of the metallurgical problems is at once clear. Steel would appear to be a suitable structural material but its high-capture cross section makes it unsuitable for breeder reactors. Magnesium and aluminum are undesirable because of their comparatively low melting points and their poor resistance to corrosion. Zirconium appears to meet all of the requirements quite satisfactorily but its purification is an expensive and difficult process. Unpurified zirconium is not much better than steel with respect to neutron-capture cross sections.

The need for a completely satisfactory structural material at temperatures of 1000 F or greater has not been fully met. This is one aspect of reactor design which contributes greatly to high costs.

In the **homogeneous reactor** the fissionable and fertile materials are intimately mixed in a liquid moderator. This type of reactor offers the obvious advantage of permitting the flow of fuel into the reactor and the flow of the spent fuel to a processing station where fissionable materials are removed. However the solution must flow through heat exchangers to be cooled, creating the need for a completely tight and reliable system to prevent the coolant from becoming contaminated.

Since a moderator must be used to carry the nuclear fuel in a liquid mixture, the problem of the parasitic loss of neutrons is present even when a moderator of low-capture cross section is used. However this might not be too high a price to pay for the advan-

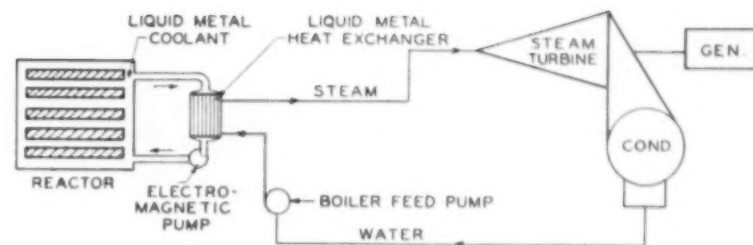


FIG. 4. Schematic arrangement of atomic steam power plant.

tage of a continuous or bulk-flow process.

The **heterogeneous reactor** requires that the nuclear fuel be prepared in lumps or in tubular shape and be kept separate from the other materials in the reactor. The lumps may be placed in metal tubes or the tubular fuel elements, if used, can be inserted in tubular channels arranged in the reactor to accept them. The moderator may be omitted. The disadvantage of this type of reactor is that the fuel and the spent charge must be removed by remotely operated mechanical means. On the other hand, the possibility of omitting the moderator is an advantage for a breeder reactor.

Coolants

The type of coolant used to remove heat from the reactor is a matter of important concern to the power engineer and therefore merits special attention. The coolant can possibly serve the dual purpose of cooling the reactor and at the same time act as the working fluid of the power plant. If we accept this viewpoint then we must consider only coolants which can satisfactorily meet these two objectives.

From the standpoint of the reactor the coolant must have a low-capture cross section and a change of phase cannot be permitted. It was noted earlier that ordinary water has a low-capture cross section and therefore would appear to suit the purposes quite well. Unfortunately, steam has a very much lower capture cross section and the abrupt change in this characteristic as well as in the heat flux when water is generated into steam in the reactor cause serious disturbances in the opera-

tion of the reactor. A possible solution is to use very high pressure water so that steam is not generated in the reactor. This, however, is not practical because it would require that the reactor be pressurized.

Still another possibility is to use a suitable gas such as helium or argon as both the coolant for the reactor and the working fluid for a gas-turbine power plant. Only moderate pressures would be involved. This possibly will be an attractive coolant when reactors are designed to operate at higher temperatures. It appears that the limit imposed at present on reactor temperature because of the structural materials is about 1000 F. This is hardly a high enough temperature for the efficient operation of a gas turbine power plant. Another difficulty encountered when gases are used is the need for providing a large heat transfer surface because of the comparatively poor transport properties of gases. This means a large reactor.

A most serious objection to the use of a common coolant and working fluid for the power plant is the fact that the coolant becomes radioactive thus posing difficult maintenance problems in the power plant itself. If we abandon the requirement that the coolant serve also as the working fluid in the power plant, then a number of problems can be eliminated.

A substance which exhibits desirable characteristics for a coolant may be used for that purpose and by means of a heat exchanger, heat may be then transferred to a more suitable working fluid for the power plant. A number of coolants have been suggested but

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**Decreased accident rate measures
success of program . . .**

How SAFETY INSPECTION Paid Off at Hanes Dye and Finishing Co.—Winston-Salem, N. C.

SAFE working conditions for employees is not a new idea at Hanes Dye and Finishing Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.—the company has twice won awards from the N. C. State and U. S. Departments of Labor for safety records substantially better than the average for its industry.

However, since management would not be satisfied until the number of accidents was reduced to as near zero as possible, a concerted effort was started in January, 1953, to better the already outstanding records.

Under the supervision of S. Paul Meadows, Hanes' personnel director, plans for an expanded safety program were mapped out and were put into operation on January 1,

- ▶ *Emphasis placed on proper storage of materials and equipment, disposal of trash and clean floors.*
- ▶ *Existing employee safety suggestion system expanded by giving increased awards*
- ▶ *Unannounced inspections (demerit system basis) throughout the plant by safety committee.*

1953. Since plant housekeeping and cleanliness go hand-in-hand with safety, particular emphasis was placed on proper storage of materials and equipment, clean floors and other work areas, and proper disposal of trash and waste.

A plant safety committee, which was formed in March, 1949, has the primary responsibility for safety

inspections of the plant and for making safety recommendations to supervisors and company officers. Other company groups are giving increased attention to safety problems. The already-existing safety suggestion system for employees was expanded by giving increased awards for accepted suggestions.

Classes in first aid have been given at the plant for about two years. A plan is soon to be put into operation to utilize personnel trained in these classes to give expert, on-the-spot first aid when accidents occur anywhere in the plant.

| PLANT SAFETY RECORD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| DEPARTMENT | GRADE ON HOUSEKEEPING & CLEANLINESS | | | | | | | | | | NO. OF ACCIDENTS DURING THIS PERIOD JAN. 1953 TO DEC. 1953 | | NO. OF ACCIDENTS JAN. 1954 TO DEC. 1954 | | REMARKS BY AWARDING OFFICER |
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| GREY & BLEACH | 30 | 36 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 38 | | | | | 1 | 3 | 5 | 9 | |
| DYE | 57 | 62 | 60 | 61 | 63 | 64 | | | | | 2 | 0 | 10 | 17 | |
| FINISHING | 57 | 63 | 61 | 62 | 64 | 65 | | | | | 0 | 2 | 2 | 13 | |
| PUT-UP | 46 | 53 | 51 | 52 | 54 | 55 | | | | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| PACKING | 20 | 24 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | | | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | |
| WAREHOUSE (NORTH STATE) | 11 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | |
| SHIPPING | 13 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | |

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| | 2. An award of a 125% Defense Bond to be made each month for the best safety suggestion turned in. |
| | 3. An award to be made to each employee in department at end of 12 months with best safety record. |

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- Safety Committee to act as judges.

SAFETY RECORD is prominently displayed on this big signboard.

Rating System Used in Plant Inspections

| | Demerits |
|--|----------|
| Broken bottles anywhere | 5 |
| Protruding nails anywhere | 5 |
| Fire hazards | 5 |
| Improper storage of supplies and equipment | 4 |
| Improper or unsafe cloth storage | 4 |
| Unsafe practices | 3 |
| Bottles not in proper container | 2 |
| Pipe and metal pieces out of place | 2 |
| Rags not in proper container | 2 |
| Oily or slick floors | 2 |
| Improper use of container | 2 |



THESE SAFETY SUGGESTIONS paid off—emergency valve (arrow) permits operator to shut off steam immediately if sizing boils over. Note goggles. Special containers (center photo) are provided for dry rags, wet rags, bottles, and trash. Mirror in the warehouse (right) lets operator of fork truck see another truck approaching around corner.

The basic working group in Hanes' safety program is the Plant Safety Committee, which includes four members. Permanent members are plant superintendent, *Paul Wood*; maintenance foreman, *George Wright*; and assistant personnel director, *Alvin Disher*. Each plant foreman serves in turn as the fourth member of the committee.

Once a month the committee makes a thorough inspection of housekeeping and safety conditions throughout the plant. Inspections are unannounced, and are not made on a fixed date. The inspection is based primarily on a demerit system, which penalizes a department for unsafe or poor housekeeping practices found within it. Demerits may also be given other than at regular inspection times, whenever a committee member spots instances of unsafe practices.

Each department is assumed to start with a point score of 100, from which is deducted the number of demerits assessed by the inspectors. Departments are then rated A, B, or C, as determined by their point score. A copy of the committee's report goes to the plant superintendent, and each department superintendent receives a report on his department. All point scores are posted on a bulletin board in a prominent part of the plant.

At the end of the year, an award is made to each employee in the department with the best safety record for the preceding 12 months. Typical awards are cameras, cigarette lighters, and clocks. One of each of these is permanently displayed under the safety bulletin board. Awards are based on the departments' grades for the year in housekeeping and safety, number of days lost because of accidents, and other safety factors. In making their decision as to the best department, the judges take into con-

sideration the hazards inherently present in each department; obviously, more accidents must be expected in some departments than in others.

Supervisory Council

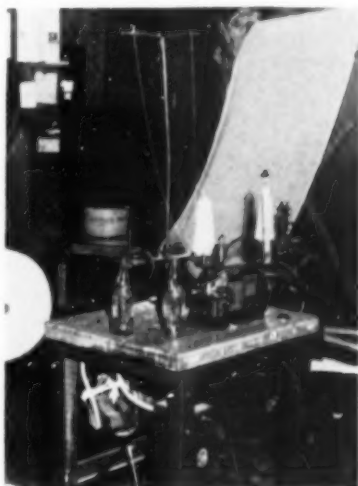
The supervisory council is composed of all departmental superintendents, foremen, and assistant foremen. Its purpose is to "promote complete understanding among all departments and to welcome and study all ideas advanced for betterment of plant conditions and more efficient operation." It is operated according to the McCormick Plan for junior executives.

The council has a safety committee to which all employees' safety suggestions are referred. At a monthly dinner meeting, the council considers the safety suggestions recommended by its safety committee. Accepted suggestions are given a cash award on approval of the company officers, and each month the council awards a \$25 defense bond for the best suggestion submitted during that month.

Key Man Group

All supervisors, the two plant superintendents, the personnel director, and officers of the company are members of the key man group. The role of the key man group in plant safety is to receive at its

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THESE BOTTLES not in proper container cost offending department 2 demerits when found by Plant Safety Committee.

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Infrared at Work

Modernizing baking operations to increase efficiency? These case studies show what infrared is doing for other Southern plants.

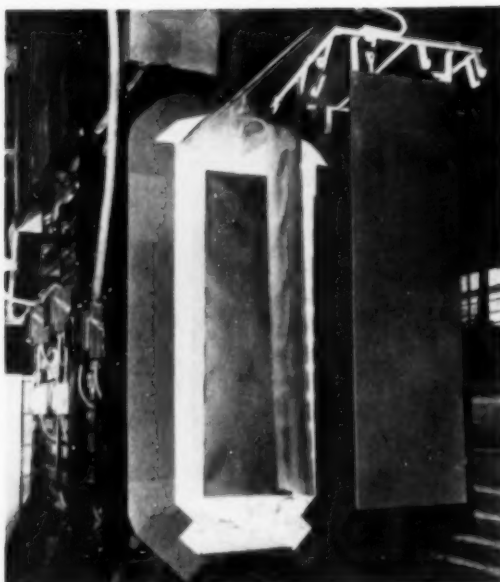
General Box Company, Meridian, Miss.—Infrared drying is employed to dry the painted sides of cottonwood bottle boxes prior to assembly. Operation is automatic from the time that the unpainted parts are fed into a hopper until the painted pieces

are taken from the conveyor and ready for assembly.

Drying time is approximately 5 minutes, varying with the color of the paint. Infrared drying zone consists of 250 watt lamps in 84 sections. Total electrical load is 84 kw. Infrared drying

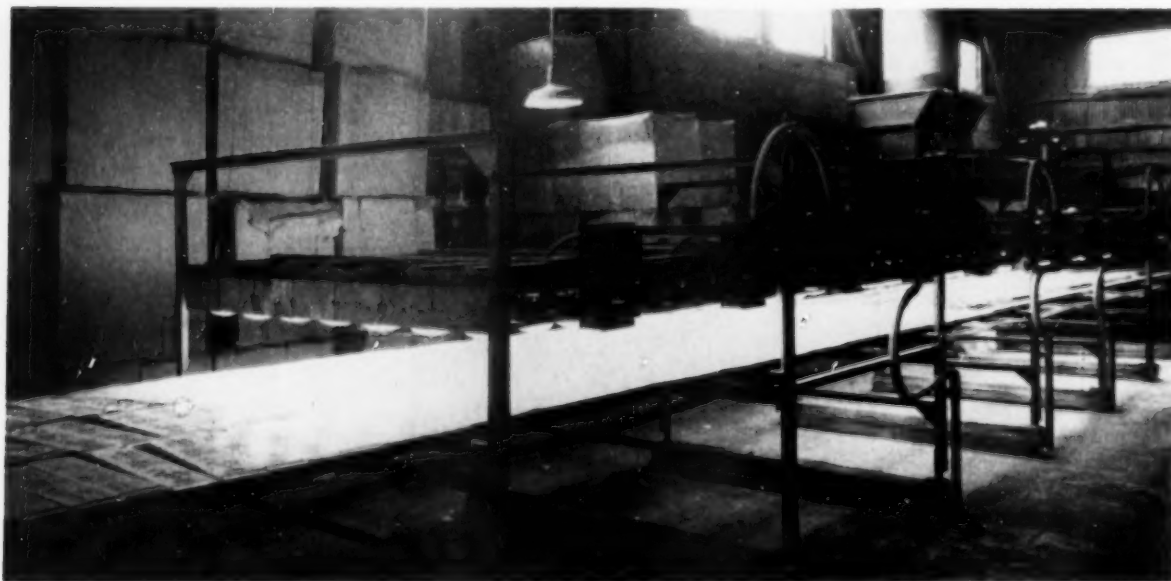
has been a big improvement over former air drying methods.

Lee Products Company, Baltimore, Md.—Infrared ovens are employed for the degreasing of parts and subsequent baking of white synthetic enamel on metal



DEGREASING of metal cabinet parts at Lee Products Company in Baltimore, Md. Another infrared installation is employed for subsequent baking operations.

INFRARED DRYING of painted sides of cottonwood bottle boxes at the General Box Company in Meridian, Miss. Drying time is approximately 5 minutes; total electrical load 84 kw.



cabinets. Degreasing unit is 12 lamps long and has 30 lamps in the cross-section (illustrated). Wattage of lamps is 375 with specular gold reflecting face plates forming a solid reflective wall surrounding the lamps to reflect rays from the opposite bank. Oven produces a uniform temperature of 600 F.

Cabinet parts are 66" high with base areas varying in size from 12 x 18" to 24 x 36". Suspended from a conveyor, they pass through the tunnel, or oven, at a rate which keeps them subjected to the heat for 2 minutes and 12 seconds. They emerge thoroughly degreased and blued.

New degreasing method has shown marked economies. Minimum floor space is required, conveying the cabinets through the oven is simple and inexpensive, time element is short and no water, fumes or steam result from the operation. Surfaces are fully prepared for the enamel except for wiping off a loose residue, which is accomplished in the short interval between the degreasing oven and spray booth.

After the cabinets are spray painted, they enter a second oven for baking. Oven is 14 ft long with 16 clear lamps in the cross-section, which produce a temperature of 320 F. Baking time is 6 minutes.

The two infrared degreasing and baking ovens have resulted in a reduction of 25% in operational costs. Another point of interest is that the ovens do not have to be insulated. A two-wall construction is employed which permits circulation of air to cool the lamp bases and sockets and to prolong the life of the entire electrical system.

Louisville Tin and Stove Company, Louisville, Ky.—Infrared oven bakes the enamel finish on portable ice refrigerators. Efficient layout is illustrated.

By FRANCIS A. WESTBROOK

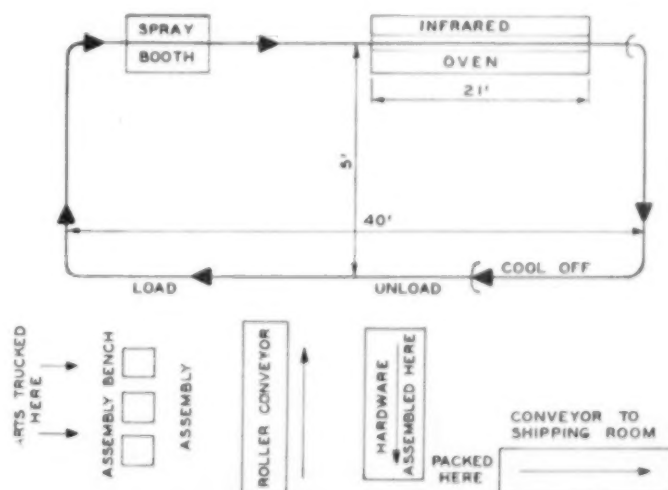
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Parts are brought by industrial truck to the assembly point, which is adjacent to a Keystone Junior monorail overhead chain conveyor. Assembled refrigerators, 18 x 18 x 13", are suspended from the conveyor on 3 ft centers.

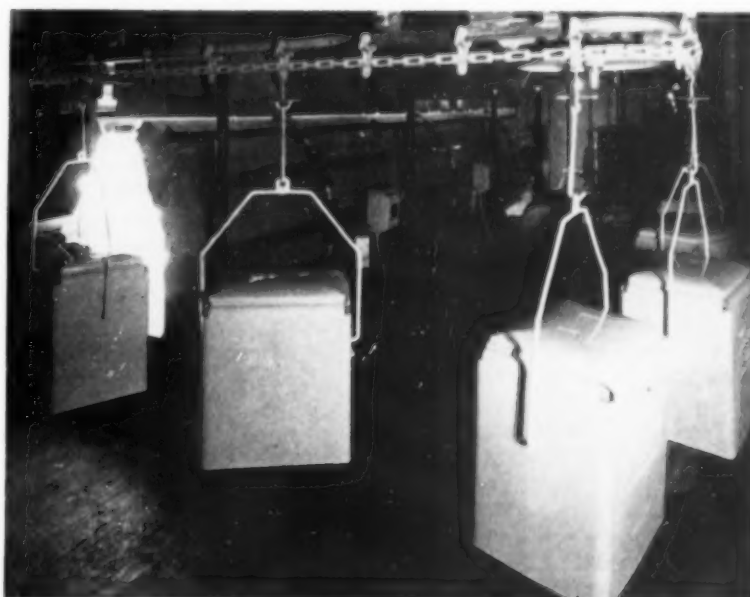
After being sprayed with red synthetic enamel (DuPont Dulux), refrigerators pass into the infrared oven, which is 21 ft long with 10 lamps in the cross-section. Lamps of 250 and 375 watts are used and baking takes 5 minutes at a temperature of 350 F. Refrigerators are automatically revolved during the baking operation.

Following the baking, units travel on the conveyor for a short cooling off period before being unloaded, hardware added, and moved to shipping room.

Morrill Manufacturing Company, Dalton, Ga.—This manufacturer of chenille products applies a wet coat of latex rubber to the backs of throw rugs to keep them from slipping on the floor. In this infrared application, it is necessary to use air movement as well as heat to prevent burning and case hardening of the latex before
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EFFICIENT LAYOUT for handling portable ice refrigerators at the Louisville Tin and Stove Company in Louisville, Ky. Infrared baking oven is shown below.



**Utilities reappraise fire
fighting techniques . . .**

Fire Protection Demonstrations

At the River Junction Steam Plant, Gulf Power Company

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS in the art of fire extinguishment have been spectacular. Such developments as high velocity water fog and chlorobromomethane will result in a reappraisal of present fire fighting techniques for utility company plants. Moreover, higher steam temperatures and higher short circuit currents have created greater hazards.

PRINCIPAL MOTIVE for conducting these tests at the River Junction Steam Plant was to demonstrate to those interested in utility company fire protection problems that the fires most likely to occur can be controlled more effectively with these modern means than with equipment heretofore available.

Gulf Power Company and Southern Services Inc., in cooperation with Associated Engineers, conducted fire tests and demonstrations at the new River Junction Steam Plant, located in Northwest Florida on the Apalachicola River, October 7, 1953. This data has been adapted from Gulf Power Company's official report.

A semi-technical description of the fire protection equipment and methods at the River Junction Steam Plant will be featured in an early issue of SP&I.

Equipment and methods will be discussed by A. H. Mergenthaler of Southern Services, Inc.

THE River Junction Steam Plant of the Gulf Power Company is one of the first plants where full fire protection has been provided; water fog for oil fires and general fires, fixed carbon dioxide systems for fire in the 2300 volt and 575 volt switchgear, portable carbon dioxide and chlorobromomethane units for first aid.

Oil reservoirs, oil tanks, oil handling equipment and hydrogen equipment indoors are protected with remote controlled fog head systems by means of manually operated valves.

Danger points in the coal handling system, such as the crusher house, conveyor transfer points, etc., are protected by means of remote controlled fog head systems.

The water fog system is self-contained, having its own fire pumps; one gasoline engine driven and one electric motor driven and its own 150,000 gallon water storage tank. Well water is used for filling the fire tank in order to keep the piping system clean at all times.

TEST NO. 1—Extinguishment of Fire in Simulated Transformer Structure, Using Deluge Fog Tips.

The simulated transformer structure, consisting of steel and transite siding contained approximately 300 gallons of insulating oil in a steel pan at the top of the structure. Perforations and slots were provided

in the sides of the pan, approximately 5" below the rim in such a manner that additional introduction of oil into the tank would result in overflowing. The area below the structure, extending approximately 5 ft beyond the vertical sides of the structure, was dyked to permit formation of oil pools.

Four fog tips, Fog Nozzle International, Type FOA-100, having a capacity of 100 gpm each at 100 psi, were placed at each of the four corners of the structure, approximately 3 ft above the top and 5 ft to the side of the structure. A pipe manifold and a piping system consisting of two 3" pipes connecting the manifold to the pump house was provided. The two station fire pumps (1 Hale gasoline engine driven, 1 Worthington electric motor driven) permanently installed in the pump house were utilized. Control of the fog system was by means of manually operated gate valves in the two 3" feed lines, at a point approximately 100 ft from the structure.

The test procedure was as follows: The oil in the tank of the transformer structure was primed with gasoline and ignited. Oil soaked rags at the bottom of the structure were also primed with gasoline and ignited. Allowing an initial preburn of 2 minutes to raise the oil temperature, additional oil was introduced into the structure by means of a 25 gpm motor driven oil pump. The resulting overflow enveloped the entire structure in flame within 40 seconds and the fire was then permitted to burn an additional 4



TEST NO. 1—Fire in simulated transformer structure with 100 gpm fog tips at four corners. Fire is at its peak at



the left, fog just turned on. At the right, fire has been extinguished, fog still on.

minutes before the signal to turn on the fog system was given. The results obtained were as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Water Pressure at Control Valve | 125 psi |
| Water Pressure at fog tips (approx.) | 115 psi |
| Contents of oil tank | 300 gal |
| Capacity of oil pump | 25 gpm |

| | Time | |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|
| | Min. | Sec. |
| Ignition | 0 | 00 |
| Initial preburn and start of oil pump | 2 | 00 |
| Complete envelopment | 2 | 40 |
| Water on System | 6 | 40 |
| Control of Fire | 6 | 45 |
| Complete extinguishment | 7 | 04 |

Summary: With a water pressure of 125 psi at the control valve allowing a total preburn of 6 minutes 40 seconds, complete extinguishment was effected in 24 seconds. A total of 168 gallons of water was used for extinguishment and approximately 75 gallons of oil were consumed.

The fog tips used in this test are identical with those used for the protection of the power transformers in the plant.

TEST NO. 2—Gasoline Fire in Trench, Using Fog Curtain

The purpose of this test was to demonstrate the effectiveness of a fog curtain placed transversely across a trench in which gasoline was ignited. The trench was approximately 12 ft long, 3'-6" wide and 6" deep. Midway the long dimension, a fog head, Fog Nozzle International Type D-24 having a capacity of 24 gpm at 100 psi was placed, approximately 7 ft above the trench, in such a manner as to produce a transverse fog curtain.

The trench was filled with oil and gasoline to within 3" of the top. The pipe structure supporting the nozzle was connected to the water supply and, with a pressure of 105 psi at the control valve (ap-



TEST NO. 3—Extinguishment of oil spill fire using 1½" hand line and fog nozzle.



THESE FOG HEADS were used in Tests Nos. 2 and 5.

Florida Fire Tests . . (continued)

Fire protective installation at the River Junction Steam Plant of the Gulf Power Company was designed by Southern Services, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama, under the direction of A. H. Mergenthaler, principal electrical design engineer, in cooperation with Joseph Roubicek of Associated Engineers, New York City and Birmingham, Alabama.

These tests were conducted under the direction of Joseph Roubicek. Official timekeepers were K. W. Boyles of Southern Services, Inc. and J. D. Chichester of Associated Engineers.

Valuable assistance was rendered in matters pertaining to underwriters requirements and standards by C. N. Hagar of the Great American Insurance Company, New York City, H. D. Long of Southern Services, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama, H. N. Pye of the Southeastern Underwriters Association, Atlanta, Georgia and W. O. Handlett of the Edison Electric Institute, Insurance Committee, Richmond, Virginia.

proximately 100 psi at the fog head) the fog curtain was started. Simultaneously, the gasoline was ignited in one corner of the trench. The flames promptly swept to within 10" or 12" of the transverse fog curtain but did not penetrate it. After two minutes, the fog curtain was discontinued, and within 8 seconds the entire trench was involved in flame. The fog curtain was then re-established, thus cutting the fire area in two halves.

The two fire areas were separated by a strip approximately 2 ft wide in which no fire existed, this strip representing the width of the fog curtain. Using a 1½" hand line with a fog nozzle, the fire in the area which had been ignited originally was extinguished. Again, the fire in the burning portion of the trench did not penetrate the fog curtain. After an additional two minutes, during which the fire was confined to the burning portion of the trench, the fire was extinguished.

This test demonstrated the ability of a curtain-type fog head to effectively screen a burning flammable liquid area. Fog heads of this type are used in the plant on the turbine oil reservoirs to isolate them and to control or contain a fire.

TEST NO. 3—Extinguishment of Oil Spill Fire Using 1½ Inch Hand Line and Fog Nozzle

The purpose of this test was to demonstrate the effective use of a 1½" hand line with fog nozzle on an oil spill fire in an area approximately 25 ft long by 15 ft wide. This area was dyked on three sides and one barrel (55 gal) of transit oil and one barrel of Diesel oil were permitted to soak into the ground.

At the beginning of the test 25 gal of Diesel oil were spilled on the oil saturated ground so as to form pools covering most of the area. This surface was then primed with 5 gal of gasoline and ignited. After a pre-burn of 1 minute and 30 seconds, the signal was given to start extinguishment. Extinguishing operations were performed by two Gulf Power Company maintenance employees.

The entire demonstration was timed as to speed of connecting 2 lengths of hose, fog nozzle and putting water on the fire, as well as complete extinguishment. The time consumed was as follows:

To break out 2 lengths of 1½" hose from standard Gulf Power Company portable hose rack, connect hose to hydrant, couple hose, attach fog nozzle, turn on water 20 seconds
To completely extinguish fire thereafter..... 28 seconds
Total elapsed time, using two men.... 48 seconds

TEST NO. 4—Same as Test No. 1 Except Water Pressure 75 psi at Control Valve

This test was conducted under practically duplicate conditions as Test No. 1 except that a lower water pressure was used. The water pressure was held to a maximum of 75 psi at the control valve, but, during the test, dropped at times to 64 psi. A total pre-burn of 5 minutes and 45 seconds was allowed. Control of the fire was established in 9 seconds and complete extinguishment was obtained within 1 minute and 5 seconds thereafter. Total elapsed time was 1 minute 14 seconds. Total water used, approximately 370 gallons. Total oil used, approximately 75 gallons.

TEST NO. 5—Demonstration of Discharge Patterns of Small Fog Heads

This demonstration showed the patterns of discharge obtained by small fog heads used throughout the plant. The same pipe structure, previously used for Test No. 2 was utilized. In addition to the curtain type nozzle, demonstrated in Test No. 2, the discharge pattern of a ½" Type 5DP34 fog head was shown. The same has a capacity of 34 gpm at 100 psi, producing a fine fog with good projectional characteristics. It is used in the plant for the protection of the oil conditioners, the coal crusher house, the coal conveyor transfer points, as well as for footing protection of the outdoor transformers.

In an additional test, the discharge pattern of a ¾" Type B-28 fog head was demonstrated. This head produces an umbrella shaped pattern of dense fog. It has minimal projectional value and relies primarily on area penetration as a means of extinguishment through heat absorption. This head is used in the plant for the protection of the hydrogen seal oil units and the turbine oil storage tank.

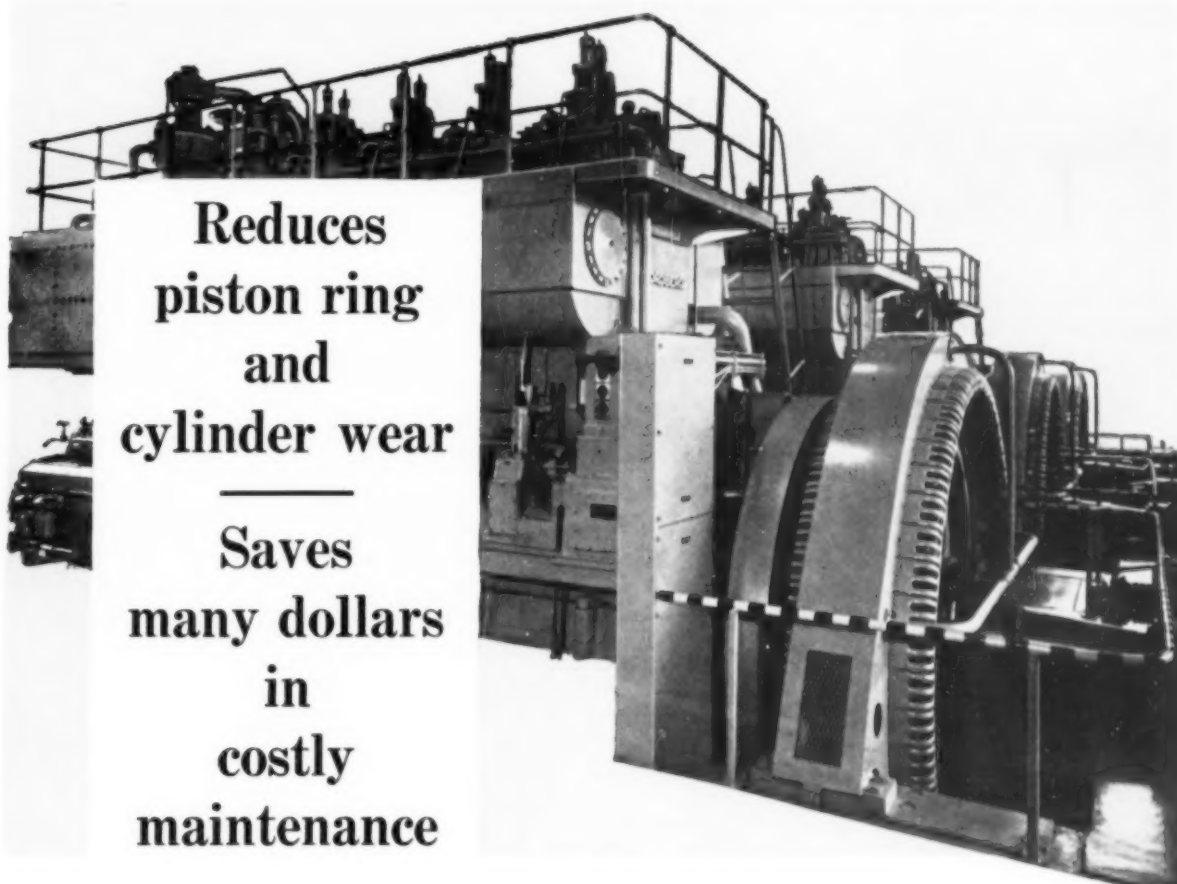
TEST NO. 6—Demonstration of Chlorobromomethane Portable Extinguishers

These tests were conducted to demonstrate the value of first aid CBM extinguishers on power plant hazards.

- (a) An oil drum, split in half lengthwise, was filled with gasoline within 6" of the rim and ignited. After a pre-burn of 2 minutes, the fire was extinguished by a plant maintenance man in 3 seconds, using a 1 gallon Stop Fire Inc. CBM portable extinguisher. Approximately 1 qt of CBM fluid was used for extinguishment.
- (b) The test was repeated, and extinguishment was obtained in 2 seconds.

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TEST NO. 6A (left)—Demonstration of 1 gallon chlorobromomethane extinguisher. TEST NO. 6C (right)—demonstration of 1 quart chlorobromomethane extinguisher.



Note flame separated from tub, indicating speed of extinguishment.

Photos courtesy of the Gulf Power Company.

(c) A 2 ft diameter tub, filled with gasoline to within 10" from the top, was ignited and a pre-burn of 3 minutes was given. This fire was extinguished, using a Stop Fire Inc. 1 qt CBM portable extinguisher, in 2 seconds.

(d) The test was repeated with identical results.

(e) A gasoline spill fire, covering an area of approximately 10 ft by 4 ft was extinguished by means of a 1 gal Stop Fire Inc. CBM extinguisher in 4 seconds.

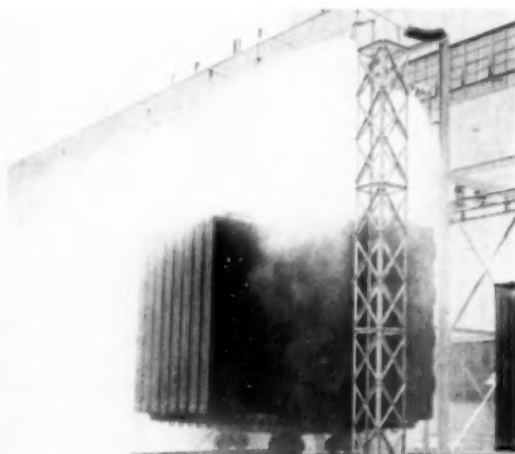
The holding action of CBM was shown by stopping the CBM discharge prior to complete extinguishment. It was noted that no reflash occurred for an appreciable period of time although the fire in the unextinguished portion of the spill continued to burn.

(f) A bundle of oil soaked rags was suspended about 11 ft above the ground, primed with gasoline and ignited. This fire was extinguished by training the CBM discharge on the fire from the ground, demonstrating the operating range of the unit.

All CBM units used in these tests were pressurized with CO_2 and are identical with those provided throughout the plant for first aid purposes.

TEST NO. 7—Operation of Deluge Type Fog Tip System on Main Power Transformer, Using Gasoline Engine Driven Fire Pump

The deluge type fog tip system installed for the protection of power transformer No. 2, consisting of five 100 gpm deluge fog tips and two 35 gpm footing protection fog heads, was tested to observe the coverage and pattern of the fog discharge, as well as to determine the actual time required to put the system in operation in case of fire. Inasmuch as the system is of manual rather than the automatic type, the time required included the manual starting of the gasoline engine driven pump, approximately 250 ft distant from the control room where



TEST NO. 7—Fog on a 45,000 kva power transformer.

the signal to proceed was received. It also included the time required to operate the hand wheel type gate valve that controlled the fog discharge.

Two operators were stationed in the control room of the plant. A signal, simulating a trouble alarm at the control board, was transmitted, indicating fire in the transformer. One of the operators proceeded to the pump house and started the gasoline engine driven fire pump. The other operator proceeded to the fog system control valve in the switchyard, approximately 100 ft from the transformer and opened the control valve to put fog on the transformer.

The total elapsed time, from the time the signal was received until fog was actually discharged on the transformer, was 35 seconds.

The fog discharge was maintained for a period of 5 minutes to enable observation of its characteristics and it was noted that the transformer was completely enveloped in dense fog. Water pressure at the fog tips was approximately 100 psi.

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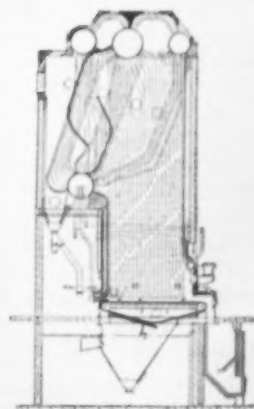
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Florida Fire Tests . . (continued)



TEST NO. 8—Fog on station service transformer.

Fire Tests and Demonstration Conclusions

WE ARE convinced that the operation of large overhead fog tips will control a fire on the top and sides of a transformer, regardless of its size. Such a system is preferable, from the cost as well as the operation standpoint, to one consisting of a large number of fixed fog heads surrounding the transformer.

The new, simplified system of fog protection blends into the substation structure to such an extent that it is barely noticeable, thus presenting a neat and attractive appearance as compared with the old system, employing the so-called "Bird-Cage" piping arrangement. However, hand lines with fog nozzles are definitely required since variations in the wind directions, as well as the need for taking care of possible oil run-off, require mopping up by hand.

We also know that danger areas indoors will require isolation by means of fog screens. This will prevent possible development of dangerously high temperature areas, keep smoke down and permit personnel to approach the seat of the fire.

The transformer fire tests No. 1 and No. 4, as well as tests previously conducted, prove the desirability of ample water pressure (not less than 90 psi) at the fog tips for best results. Within limits, up to about 150 psi, faster extinguishment will be obtained as pressure increases and total water consumption for complete extinguishing will be less in spite of the higher gpm flow rate. The determining factors, such as the size of water particles produced, the velocity with which they impinge on the burning surface and the flow rate in gpm, all of which vary with pressure, must be properly weighed in order to obtain effective coverage and penetration with a minimum number of fog tips at an optimum pressure.

Unless an existing water supply system is capable of producing, at all times, satisfactory flows at

TEST NO. 8—Operation of Deluge Type Fog Tip System on Station Service Transformer No. 2, Using Gasoline Engine Driven Fire Pump

A test similar to No. 7 was conducted on this unit. This deluge fog system consists of two 250 gpm fog tips. The total elapsed time required to obtain fog discharge over the transformer was 41 seconds. Approximate water pressure at the fog tips was 110 psi.

TEST NO. 9—Operation of Deluge Type Fog Tip System on Main Power Transformer, Using Remotely Started Electric Motor Driven Fire Pump

This test was similar to Test No. 7, except that the electric motor driven pump was utilized. The pump was started from a remote control push button station in the control room rather than in the pump house. The total elapsed time required to obtain fog discharge over the transformer was 29 seconds. Water pressure at the fog tips was approximately 125 psi.

designated pressure, suitable fire pumps and adequate clean water storage must be provided. In our opinion, a fire pump for power plant protection should have a capacity of not less than 750 gpm at 175 psi.

A 1½" hose line, with fog nozzle, is very effective on a large oil fire. It is easily handled by two operators with limited fire training. In an emergency, it could be operated by one man. 2½" hose lines would be most difficult to handle in a power station. Solid streams should not be applied on oil fires and should not be used in the vicinity of electrical equipment.

While a modern fog system will form an excellent backbone of fire protection in generating plants, the first and second line of defense consisting of portable CO₂ and Chlorobromethane units for handling a fire in its incipency, as well as fixed CO₂ systems for the protection of station service switchgear and also the indoor oil tanks by means of CO₂ hose reel assemblies, should not be overlooked.

Metal-clad switchgear is not fireproof. A fire resulting from a short circuit in this type of equipment is extremely difficult to control unless fixed CO₂ systems have been provided.

An effective and dependable fire protective system in a modern steam generating station is expensive. It is a good investment only if the personnel understands this equipment and is fully trained in its use. Some of the indoor fires, especially those involving the turbine lubricating oil equipment, could be serious. The training should, therefore, be carried to a point where the men, while still respecting a fire, have lost their natural fear of attacking it, regardless of the location. To accomplish this, a course such as provided at the Naval Damage Control Centers, where each trainee extinguishes several large fires in a simulated engine room, is recommended. Periodic fire drills to keep the personnel fit for an emergency are essential.

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*Comments on the behavior of the free electrons,
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AIR FILTERS are manufactured for many specific applications, with emphasis on certain phases of performance being dictated by the duty for which the filter is intended. Many filter applications require cleaning efficiencies of the highest possible order, and the continued quest for better performance has led the industry into the field of electronics.

Quite frequently the dust arrestance of an air filter is evaluated on the basis of the amount of weight of synthetic dust removed from an air stream during an accelerated test. This is a convenient means of testing filters and provides a basis for evaluating the performance of one filter as compared to another.

However, a filter may show a relatively high degree of dust arrestance by weight and at the same time be unable to remove a vast number of the extremely small dust particles which are the worst offenders from the point of view of discoloring the surfaces of the filtered space.

As an example consider the relative weights of a 1-micron and a 10-micron dust particle. A micron is the unit of measurement generally applied to dust particles and is approximately 1/25,000 of an inch. Remembering that volumes vary as the cube of the diameters, the ratio of volumes of these two particles will be 1,000 to 1, and assuming the same specific gravity

for both, the large one will be one thousand times as heavy as the smaller one.

In other words, an air filter which has a cleaning efficiency of 80 percent by weight could conceivably pass two hundred fifty 1-micron particles for every single 10-micron particle removed. Unfortunately, the smudging and discoloration of walls, draperies, etc., are caused for the most part by these small-sized particles, because, due to their slight weight, they have little tendency to settle out by the action of gravity and therefore remain suspended in the atmosphere for long periods of time.

The advent of the electronic filter has meant a vast improvement

— Protons and Electrons —

IN discussing the fundamental mechanism of electrostatic precipitation it is well to first consider the basic structure of the atom. The present day conception is that the atom is made up of minute charges of negative electricity called electrons which revolve around a central core, or nucleus, in a fashion analogous to a miniature solar system. The nucleus represents the sun, and the electrons correspond to the planets. The nucleus is composed of minute positive charges of electricity called protons, together with other particles called neutrons, which in themselves have no net charge.

Reference is frequently made to electrons, protons, and neutrons, as being the building blocks of matter. For this discussion, it will suffice to consider only the protons in the nucleus structure, remembering that the proton has the same amount of charge as the electrons, but is opposite in sign.

In normal molecules of air there are as many electrons in the orbit of an atom as there are protons in the nucleus, and as a consequence, the total number of negative charges just balance the total number of positive charges, with the effect that the net polarity of the atom is neutral.

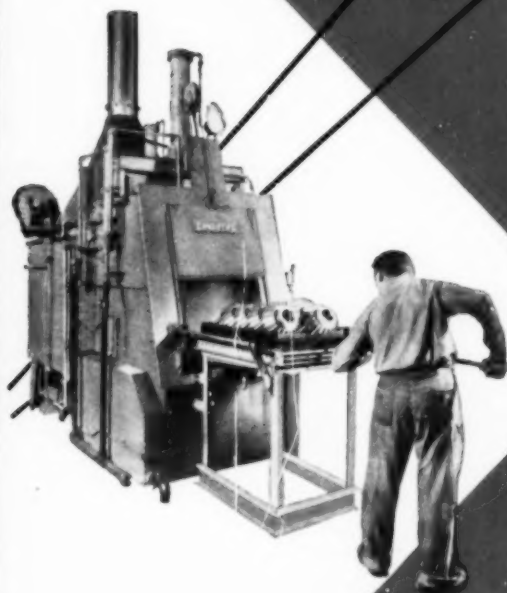
This neutrality, however, may be upset by the atom gaining or losing one or more electrons. When a preponderance of electrons exists, the atom of necessity becomes negatively charged and is generally referred to as a negatively charged ion. The term "ion" means that the particle in question possesses an electrical charge of definite polarity. Conversely, if the number of protons exceeds the number of electrons, then the atom will possess a positive charge, or we may say it has become positively ionized.

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in the effectiveness of dust removal. As a matter of fact, new test procedures have been developed which evaluate its dust arrestance based on the discoloration principle. Electronic filters today give discoloration efficiencies of the order of 85 to 90 per cent, as compared to 20 to 30 per cent for the better types of standard mechanical filters. Many applications, however, do not warrant the high order of efficiencies obtained with an electronic filter, and for installations of this type a mechanical filter generally makes a more economical investment.

In discussing the action of an electrostatic filter, the phenomena may be divided into three phases:

1. The behavior of the free electrons
2. The process of ionizing the dust particles
3. The precipitation or collection of these dust particles

The conventional ventilation-type electronic filter as it is known today may be thought of as being divided into two pieces of equipment. The air first enters the ionizer portion of the unit where the particles of dust are given an electrical charge, and these ionized particles then proceed to the collecting portion where the dust is precipitated from the air-stream. This type of unit should not be confused with the Cottrell precipitator, which ionizes and precipitates the dust in one and the same chamber. The voltages used in the Cottrell unit are of a much higher order, and the quantity of ozone produced is generally greater than in an electronic air filter.

Fig. 1 is a photograph of a typical ionizer showing the small tungsten wires which are energized with a positive potential of approximately 13,000 volts direct current. These wires are equi-spaced



FIG. 1. Typical ionizer showing relative position of charged ionizer wires and grounded struts.

between grounded struts spaced approximately three inches on center. These struts may be flat, round or

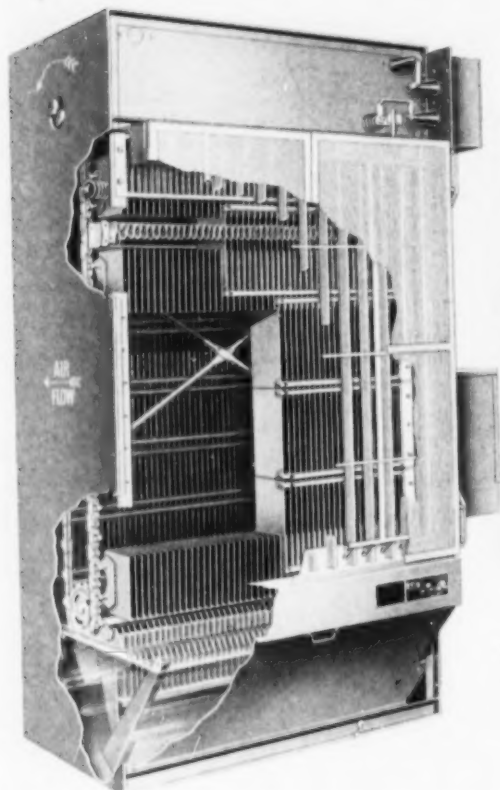


FIG. 2. Partial section of self-cleaning electrostatic air cleaner. Unit provides a double pass collecting cell as the plates at the front and at the rear of the travelling curtain are alternately charged and grounded and all are effective in the removal of dust.

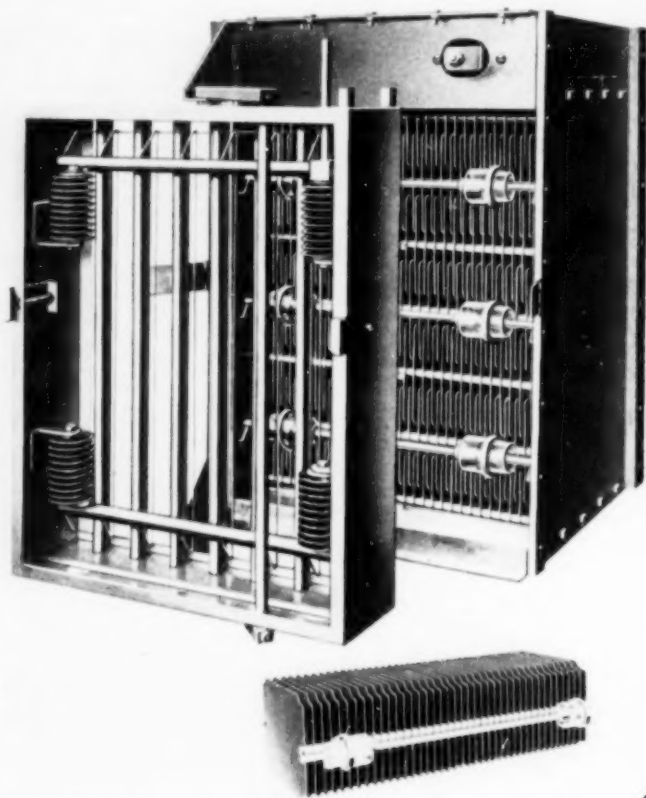
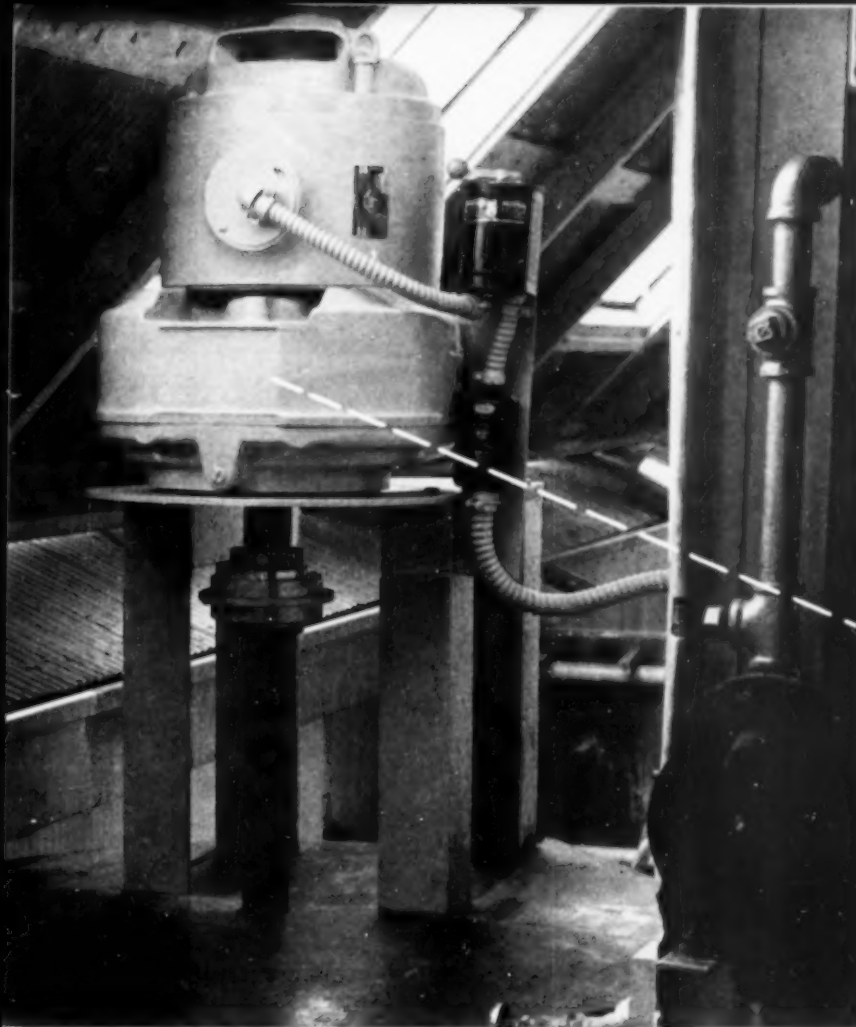


FIG. 3. Stationary plate type electrostatic air cleaner employing removable plate assemblies. Unit lends itself to a thorough periodic cleaning with a minimum of labor. It is adaptable to small installations where the additional cost of self-cleaning features may not be warranted.



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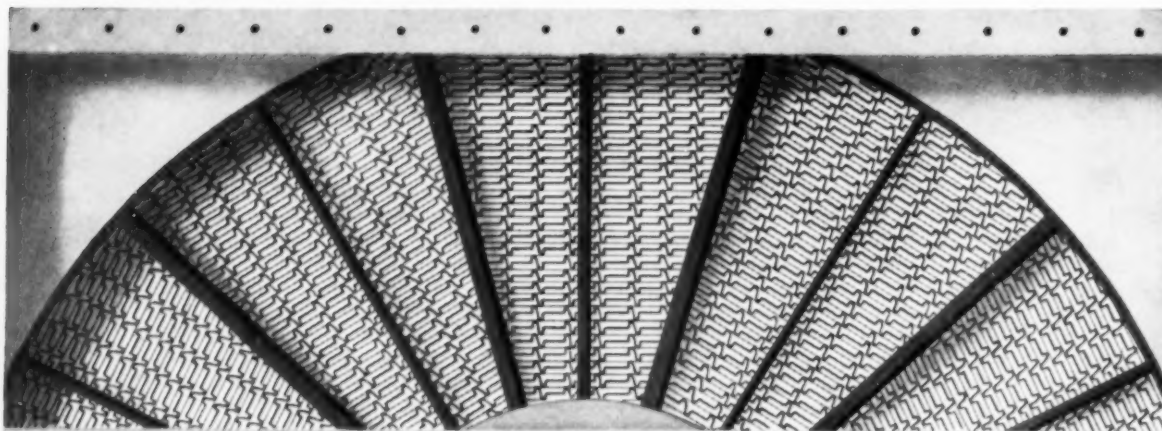
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Assume that a quantity of dust laden air is introduced into this electrostatic field. In this or any other air-stream there will always be present a number of free or unattached electrons. The presence of these free electrons is due to such natural phenomena as ultraviolet light, cosmic rays, radio-active materials, thermionic action, etc., and as a consequence there is a perpetual supply, so to speak, of free electrons and molecular ions from which to draw. It is the behavior of these free electrons as they enter the electrostatic field of the ionizer which constitutes the first phase of electronic cleaning.

Phase 1—Behavior of The Free Electrons

When these free electrons, which, it is recalled, are fundamental negative charges of electricity, enter the electrostatic field, they are immediately attracted to the charged wires, because there is a mutual attraction between unlike polarities.

During the process of travelling to the wire, these electrons are tremendously accelerated because the field intensity increases as the electrons approach the wires. In fact, their velocity may reach a value of 4000 miles a second, or higher. Although the path of travel may be relatively short, these electrons possess sufficient energy so that in colliding with a molecule of air they are able to dislodge an orbit electron from this air molecule, thus forming a positive molecular ion.

These free electrons may have sufficient energy to produce several positively charged molecular ions during their course of travel to the charged wires. In addition, those electrons liberated by this bombardment may in themselves possess sufficient energy to produce other molecular ions, as they in turn bombard other molecules of air.

The process, therefore, is a cumulative one, with vast numbers of positive molecular ions being produced. The electrons thus liberated

are, for the most part, attracted to the wires and absorbed, but a few stray electrons, having spent their energy, may unite with an atom of oxygen, which in turn produces a negative molecular ion. Ordinarily the vast majority of the molecular ions will have the same polarity as that of the potential supplied to the wires.

Phase 2—Process of Ionizing Dust Particles

Phase (2) of this phenomenon is next in order. Consider first the action of these newly formed positive molecular ions. Their polarity is the same as that of the charged ionizer wire and since like polarities repel, they are immediately driven toward the grounded struts. This space between the wires and the struts is sometimes referred to as the "transport zone," and during the passage of the myriad of ions toward the struts, they collide with the dust particles and in so doing give to the dust particle the same polarity as the ion had originally.

It should be remembered that vast quantities of these molecular ions are produced and there is therefore little opportunity for a particle of dust to escape contacting one or more of these molecular ions in passing through the electrostatic field. Other forces such as mass attraction, etc., are also at work and contribute in producing these collisions.

Phase 3—Collection of Dust Particles

Ionized particles of dust predominantly of positive polarity now leave the ionizer and enter the collecting portion of the unit. This constitutes the third phase of the operation. In the conventional type of electrostatic filter the collecting portion is made up of parallel metal plates, spaced approximately 5/16 in. on centers, and with these plates alternately grounded and charged with a positive potential of roughly 6,000 volts d-c. An electrostatic field is therefore generated between each parallel plate and as the ionized particles of dust enter the field formed by these plates, the particles are repelled by the plate of like polarity and attracted by the

plates of unlike polarity. When these particles reach the metal plates they are trapped and held by the viscous coating on the plate surface.

The majority of dust particles will be ionized to the same polarity as the voltage impressed on the ionizer wire, and will therefore be attracted to the grounded plate portion of the collecting cell.

Since all electronic filters operate at a relatively high voltage, it is necessary to supply a source of high potential, direct current. This is done by the use of a power pack which comprises a transformer and rectifier. Low voltage alternating current is transformed to a higher voltage, then rectified into direct current. Power packs are rated in terms of the amount of current in milliamps to be supplied, and one or more filters may be served by one pack.

Cleaning

Unfortunately no filter has yet been developed which does not at sometime have to be cleaned or have its collecting media renewed. This is true with electrostatic precipitators in that in due course of time, depending upon the dust concentration of the air being handled, the plates must be relieved of their dust load.

Fig. 2 shows a sectional view of a self-cleaning electrostatic precipitator. In the collecting portion of this filter the charged plates are stationary and the grounded plates move on a travelling curtain and revolve through a reservoir of Viscosine on the average of once every 24 hours. In reality this provides a double pass collecting cell as the plates at the front and at the rear of the travelling curtain are alternately charged and grounded and all are effective in the removal of dust.

Experience has indicated that it is advantageous to have some mechanical action such as a form of wiper in order to thoroughly clean the collected dust from the plates of an electrostatic filter. As a consequence this unit is equipped with a set of travelling wipers which move with the revolving curtain and which shears the dust from the stationary plates and at the same time provides these plates with a fresh coating of adhesive. The



FIG. 4. Self-contained stationary plate type precipitator especially designed for the elimination of oil mist and smoke resulting from high speed cutting and grinding operations.

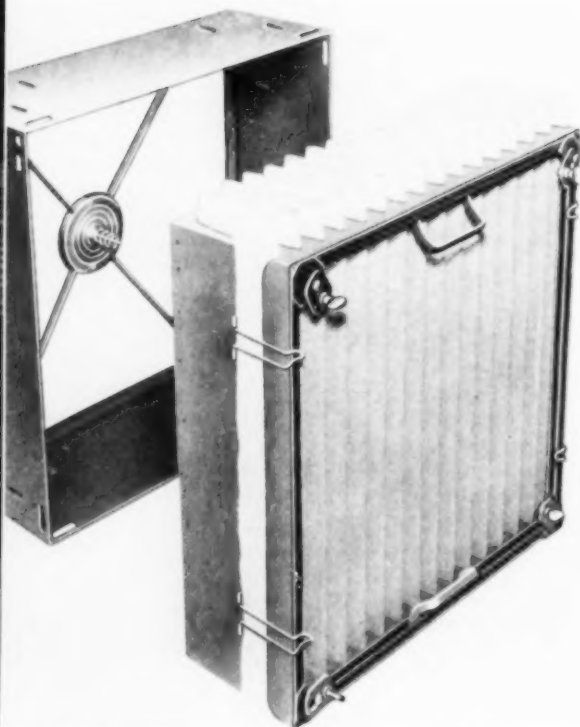


FIG. 5. Media type electronic air filter and holding frame will provide a high order of cleaning efficiency even if it should be electrically de-energized.

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grounded travelling plates are cleaned by a stationary wiper located in the Viscosine reservoir and the dirt which is dislodged by these wipers settles to the bottom of the reservoir and is periodically removed in the form of sludge.

Unless a filter with automatic cleaning facilities is used, it becomes periodically necessary to clean the filter by washing the plates with hot water under pressure. After washing, the plates should be dried and a coating of oil applied. This means that conventional installations of a non-automatic type of electric filter must have service facilities available for the cleaning process and a sewer connection must be provided for carrying off the contaminated water. Although plate type filters lend themselves to this method of cleaning, in some types of atmosphere it will be found that a tarry residue will remain on the plates which is very difficult to remove by any spray washing process, and in due course of time it is generally necessary to dismantle the unit and

thoroughly clean the individual plates.

Fig. 3 is a sectional type of stationary plate type electrostatic precipitator which lends itself to a thorough periodic cleaning with a minimum of labor and which is especially adaptable to small installations where the additional cost of self-cleaning features may not be warranted.

In practice this unit may be washed, dried and reoiled as is the conventional procedure for maintaining this type of equipment. However, if a build-up of dirt occurred at any point which becomes impervious to the action of the water sprays, the plate assemblies can be easily removed as positive and negative units and given a thorough cleaning. This remote cleaning is accomplished by placing the plate assembly in a specially designed cleaning tank equipped with wiper fingers which pass between each parallel plate and thoroughly scrub the surfaces. This maintenance procedure is especially applicable to small installations

where washing in place may not be practical.

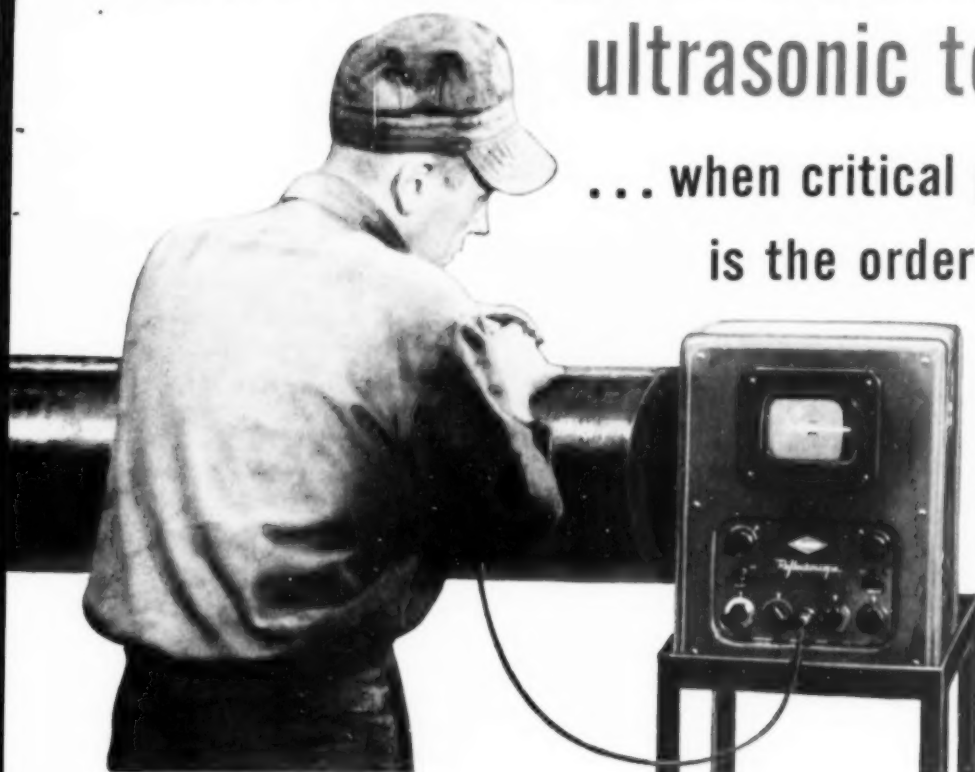
This type of design is frequently supplied with a swinging ionizer, so that where filter banks of more than one unit wide are installed the ionizer may be swung out of position so as to provide easy access to the plate assemblies. For those installations where it is desirable to clean the filter in place, the use of a swinging ionizer removes most of the obstructions to the water sprays so that no hidden areas exist, thereby contributing to a more effective cleaning operation.

This unit type construction has another interesting aspect in that when a filter ten or twelve feet high is desired, this height is secured by simply adding the individual sections as required. Because of this construction, filter heights in increments of nine inches may be secured, and this feature lends itself to a close specification of filter area for a given air volume.

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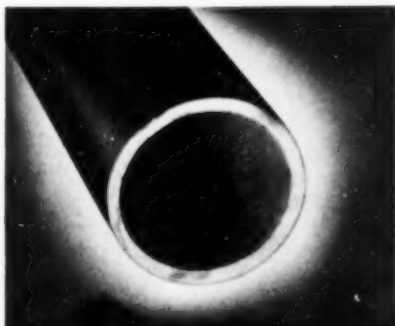
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This filter is generally supplied without an ionizer and an electrostatic charge is impressed directly upon the dry filtering media. The cell is of serrated construction with the top and bottom portions of each serration made of metal, thoroughly grounded, and the intervening portion of each section is an insulated grid having high dielectric properties. A serrated type of construction is followed in order to provide a high order of media area so that the resistance offered to the flow of air will be minimized and a long media life can be expected. An elec-

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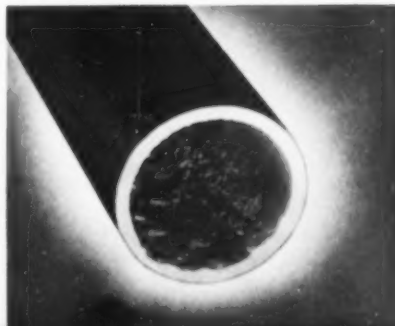
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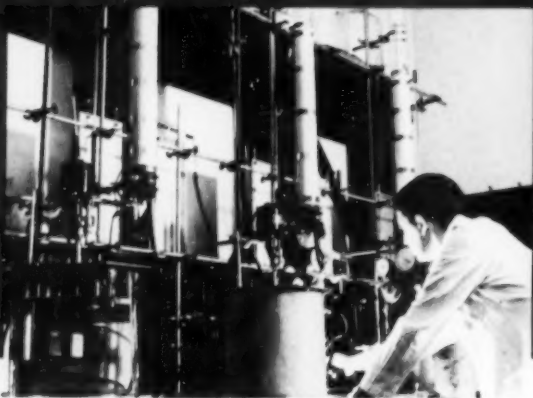
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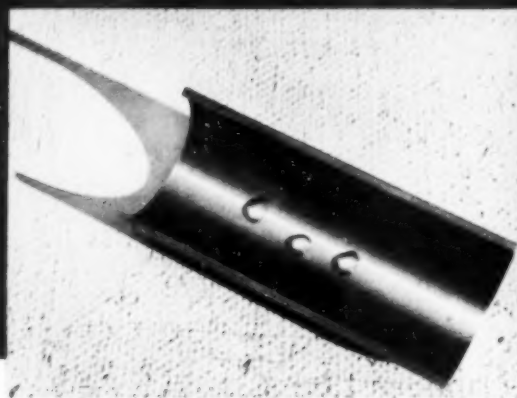
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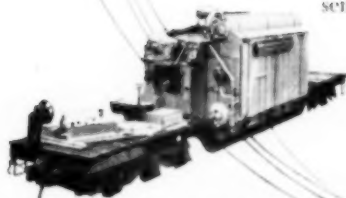


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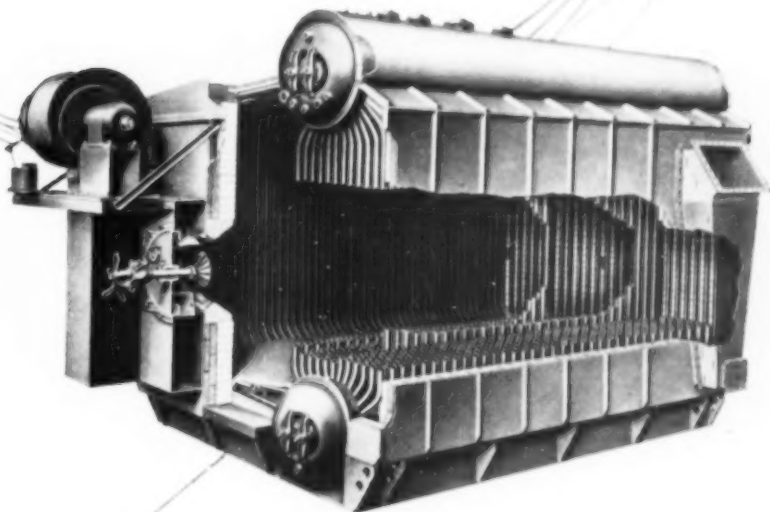
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These tests indicated the possibility of saving approximately \$30,000 a year in the Traffic De-

partment alone through increased efficiency and reduced vehicle mileage. Experience since that time has proved this estimate to be realistic and the use of two-way radio has been expanded to other operations.

While most of the traffic operations in the plant are carried on a scheduled basis there is a great deal of miscellaneous hauling and servicing for which vehicles must be dispatched. This includes fork

trucks, shop mules and truck cranes. The Traffic Department operates some 375 powered vehicles and to date 15 of these, devoted to non-scheduled operations, have been equipped with two-way radios.

A master console is installed at the central traffic dispatcher's desk and the results in saving both time for the vehicles themselves and for

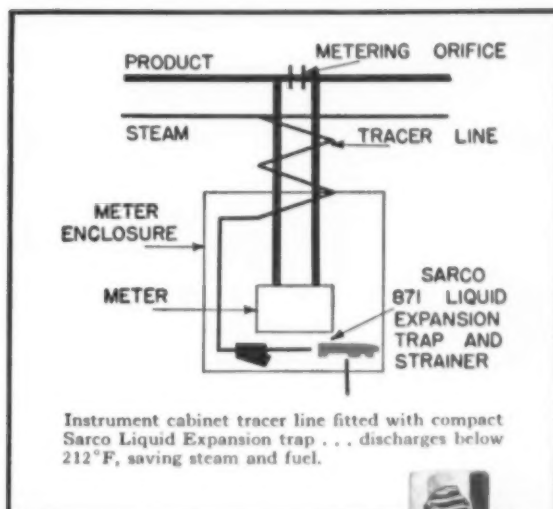
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TRUCK OPERATOR can call for a new work assignment immediately after completion of a previous one, eliminating the time and mileage necessary to return to the central dispatcher. Convair found that two-way radio works equally as well indoors and outdoors with practically no blind spots anywhere on the premises, despite the fact that most of the buildings are both steel frame and completely sheathed in steel paneling.



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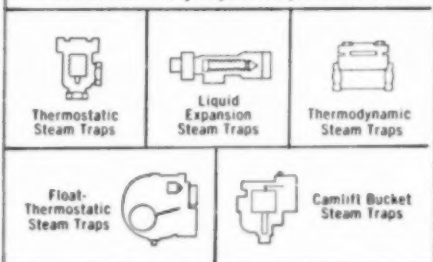
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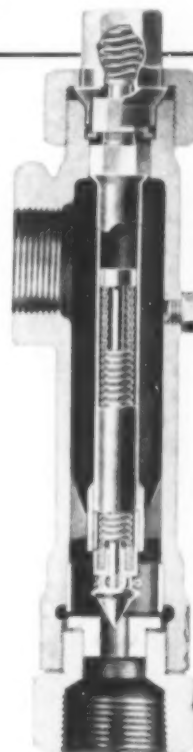


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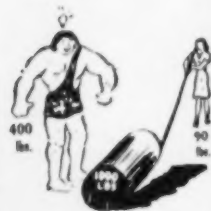
or why LEVERAGE is a good invention

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The Fairy Story



1. All Brawn . . . No Brains



2. Science to the Rescue



3. Stupidity Triumphant

No Leverage

To open a 1-1/16" orifice at 15 psi, a steam trap without leverage would require a bucket weighing 19-1/2 lbs. and displacing 29-1/4 lbs. of water. A trap big enough to hold this bucket would weigh somewhere near 300 lbs. At 250 psi, the largest orifice this trap could open would be 9/32".

Correct Leverage

Contrast the No-Lever Trap with an Armstrong No. 216 weighing about 1/4 as much . . . 80 lbs. It also opens a 1-1/16" orifice at 15 psi and will open a 3/8" orifice wide at 250 psi — nearly 80% greater than that of the No-Lever Trap. Result of CORRECT LEVERAGE: less weight, less radiation, lower price trap, less installation cost, greater capacity.

Too Much Leverage

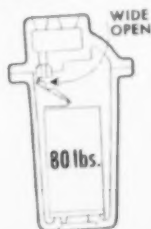
Here's an 80 lb. trap with leverage double that of the No. 216 Armstrong described above. It will open an appreciably larger orifice at any given pressure than the standard Armstrong No. 216. But, it won't open the valve wide! There isn't room to get the valve completely away from its seat. Flow through the orifice is thereby restricted and capacity is reduced below that of the No. 216. The larger orifice and the greater leverage is a total loss! To get the valve wide open would require a bigger trap.

Size for Size, Armstrongs have greater capacity because the correct application of high leverage permits the full opening of a large orifice!

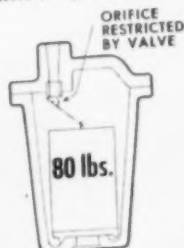
The Real Thing



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Misapplied Science

A BURLY giant, whom we shall call Dullbottom for lack of a more descriptive name, was amusing himself in the Petrified Forest one warm July afternoon. Entranced by the many colorful and giant-sized playthings there, he was happily engaged in rolling petrified logs down a small incline when one toppled onto his toe. Despite his most persistent efforts he was unable to dislodge this log, later calculated by Unimpeachable Authorities to weigh 1,000 lbs.

Dullbottom's gruntings and groanings attracted a petite and pretty Physics teacher who (fortunately for our story) was strolling in the vicinity. It took her but a glance to grasp the situation and, without hesitation, she obtained a crowbar from a convenient source of supply, applied LEVERAGE to the log and freed the giant's giant toe.

Completely befuddled by the powers of his 90 lb. benefactor, but clumsily grateful, he asked to feel her muscle, a request which was instantly refused. Instead, the young lady offered to explain the fundamentals of LEVERAGE. Delighted by her explanation, that given sufficient LEVERAGE, she could move any weight, Dullbottom immediately proceeded to roll a 4,000 lb. petrified log onto his other foot.

With the infinite patience acquired from dealing with adolescents in the classroom, our pretty Miss obligingly procured another crowbar four times as long as the first and proceeded to move the weight — BUT, much to the dismay of Dullbottom, only 1/4 as far, which was, sad to relate, not far enough to free his toe.

And, thereby, hangs a tale. Let's use this little flight of fantasy to explain a fundamental reason why Armstrong steam traps have such large capacity for their size. Please refer to diagrams on the blackboard.

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Stud Welded Eyebolts Solve Difficult Handling Problem in Tennessee Plant

A GOOD example of the use of stud welding to economically solve a difficult handling problem within the plant is that devised by engineers of Combustion Engineering, Inc., Chattanooga, Tenn.

In the production of automatic gas and electric hot water heaters, Combustion Engineering has to overcome the classical hurdle which faces all fabricators of galvanized tanks. The tanks must be supported in a vertical position through the various wash, pickling and galvanizing steps so as to maintain proper solution drainage in each bath. This must be accomplished

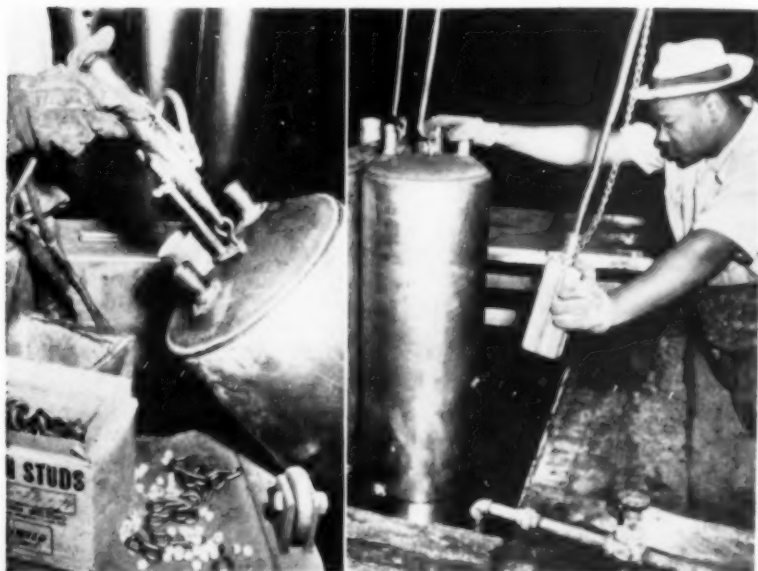
in such a way as to avoid any contacts which interfere with the processing and so produce faults or discontinuities in the final protective coating.

Formerly this was done by punching an extra hole in the tank head, hand welding a 1/2-in. pipe stud in the hole and using a special hook for a hoist hold. After galvanizing, this extra opening had to be threaded and closed with a pipe plug.

New Technique

Now all these steps are avoided by split-second end welding of a

Nelson eyebolt, stud welded to top surface of heater tank, serves to carry the tank throughout its processing cycle. At the right operator is lowering tanks into pickling bath. After tank is galvanized, eyebolt is simply snipped off with heavy-duty wire cutters.



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5/16-in. dia. x 2 1/2-in. long Nelson eyebolt stud directly to the top surface of the heater tank. This eyebolt serves to carry the tank throughout its processing cycle, and after galvanizing, is simply snipped off with heavy-duty wire cutters.

As Boyd Scanland, general superintendent of Plant No. 3, says: "We use this method because it is simple and saves time. All we have to do is position the Nelson gun near the center of the tank head, pull the trigger, and it's all over."

The ultimate owner of one of the stud welded tanks, incidentally, gets a bonus, too, as the potential point of leakage represented by an unnecessary hole is eliminated.

Flat Leather Belt Drive for Press

THE Bristol Metal Products Corporation of Bristol, Tenn., found it necessary to replace a five "B" section V-belt drive for a 100 ton Warco punch press. This was a V-flat drive with a sheave on the

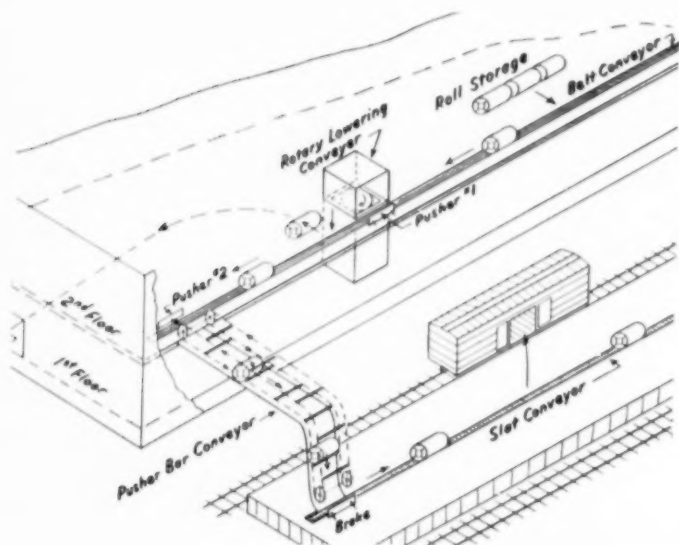
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motor and a flat faced pulley on the press.

Instead of replacing the V-belts it was decided to use a pulley on the motor and a medium double, oak tanned flat leather belt with rayon tire cord between the two outer layers of leather, which resulted in a saving of some \$175.00. With this type of construction the belt has great resistance to stretch and on this application it was not necessary to shorten it after more than a year of operation. The leather of course provides a good

grip on the pulley, and the combination with the rayon tire cord gives the belt excellent capacity to handle peaks and overloads. Splices can be prepared by the manufacturer (Chas. A. Schieren Co.) so that the belt can be made endless on the job.
—W. A. Fancher—Tenn.

On this drive the motor is 10 hp, 1160 rpm. The diameter of the motor pulley is 9" and that of the driven pulley 36", with a distance between centers of 30". The motor is not mounted on a tension control base. Performance of this drive has been satisfactory.



One Ton Rolls of Paper Moved to Shipping by Automatic System

AUTOMATIC materials handling equipment of the most modern type will move huge rolls of paper from storage to shipping at the new Bowaters Southern Paper Corporation Mill at Calhoun, Tenn.

Rolls weighing more than a ton, 6 ft long and 45 in. in diameter are stored on the second floor and will be carried automatically to railroad and truck loading docks at ground level by a new system which has been designed and will be installed by Lamson Corporation. This sys-

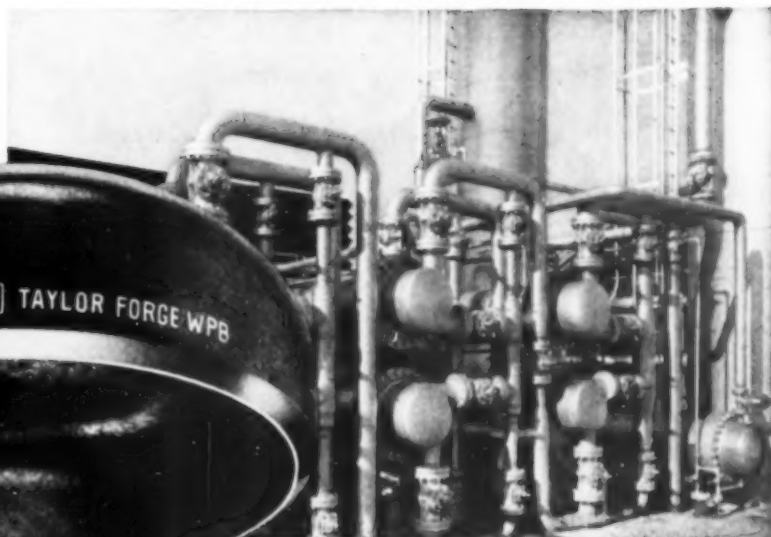
tem has been planned for a capacity of 1800 tons of paper during each eight hours of operation.

Rolls of paper begin their trip at the storage area on the second floor. They are loaded onto a belt conveyor located in a trench in the floor to eliminate lifting of the heavy rolls. An ingenious method has been developed to mark the belt in order to guide operators in loading it to practical capacity and identifying rail and truck shipments.

An automatic pusher moves the paper roll off the belt conveyor and onto a descending conveyor which carries it to the first floor truck dock, moves it gently out onto the floor and returns automatically for the next load. Since it is desirable to roll the paper in only one direction to avoid loosening the outer layers of the tightly wound roll, this conveyor is equipped with a device which rotates the roll 180 deg in a horizontal plane. To avoid loss of time, this rotation takes place as the roll descends to the first floor.

At another position on the belt conveyor, a second automatic pusher transfers rolls for rail shipment to a conveyor of the pusher-bar type. This conveyor transports the rolls horizontally about 40 ft and then down about 18 ft, discharging them automatically to a long troughed steel slat conveyor sunk into the shipping platform. While the pusher-bar type of conveyor is not new, it is doubtful if one has ever been built to the size and capacity of this unit. It was selected to avoid an automatic transfer from a horizontal to a descending conveyor at an inaccessible location above the railroad platform.

The slat conveyor is of exceptionally rugged construction to permit free truck movement across it and all along the platform. Safety devices are included to stop any unit in the system if the succeeding unit is not ready to receive the roll.

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Caps are part of the story



The announcement of the WeldELL line, back in 1931, created a considerable sensation in the piping field. Pipe welding was then just beginning to emerge from the crude, cut-fit-patch stage and the only welding fittings then in use were simply elbows.

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Harness Reduces Crate Moving Costs

HEAVY crates that are too long for one lift truck to handle can tie up loading docks and tie down manpower.

The problem becomes acute in the case of a firm like Temco Aircraft Corporation whose products require crates more than 30 ft long.

The Dallas, Texas, firm recently found an inexpensive means of moving its long crates—a system that requires only one lift truck, an operator and a unique chain harness.

J. R. Yarborough, Temco shipping inspector, designed the harness. It consists of two 8 x 8" scrap steel plates and two lengths of $\frac{3}{4}$ -link trace chain. Yarborough's harness enables the three-or-four-foot forks on a lift truck to support, lengthwise, an object many times their length.

How It Works

To move a 20 ft crate, for example, the lift truck operator runs the truck forks under one end of the crate. He then hangs the steel

plates on the upper two corners of the crate's far end.

These plates are shaped to fit crate corners, and are fitted with metal points which bite into the crate to prevent slippage. Points, welded on, are about $\frac{1}{2}$ " long.

Plates are joined with a length of chain long enough to reach across the width of the crate. A metal ring at the center of this chain connects to a long chain that is anchored on the lift truck.

After attaching the corner plates and anchoring the long chain on the lift truck, the operator tilts his fork lift until the slack harness is drawn taut. Plate points bite into the crate, the far end of the crate leaves the ground, and the load is ready to move.

On Temco's docks, the harness

Chain harness consists of two 8 x 8" scrap steel plates and two lengths of $\frac{3}{4}$ -link trace chain. Plates are shaped to fit crate corners (close-up at right) and are fitted with metal points, which bite into the crate to prevent slippage. Typical application of the chain harness is shown below.

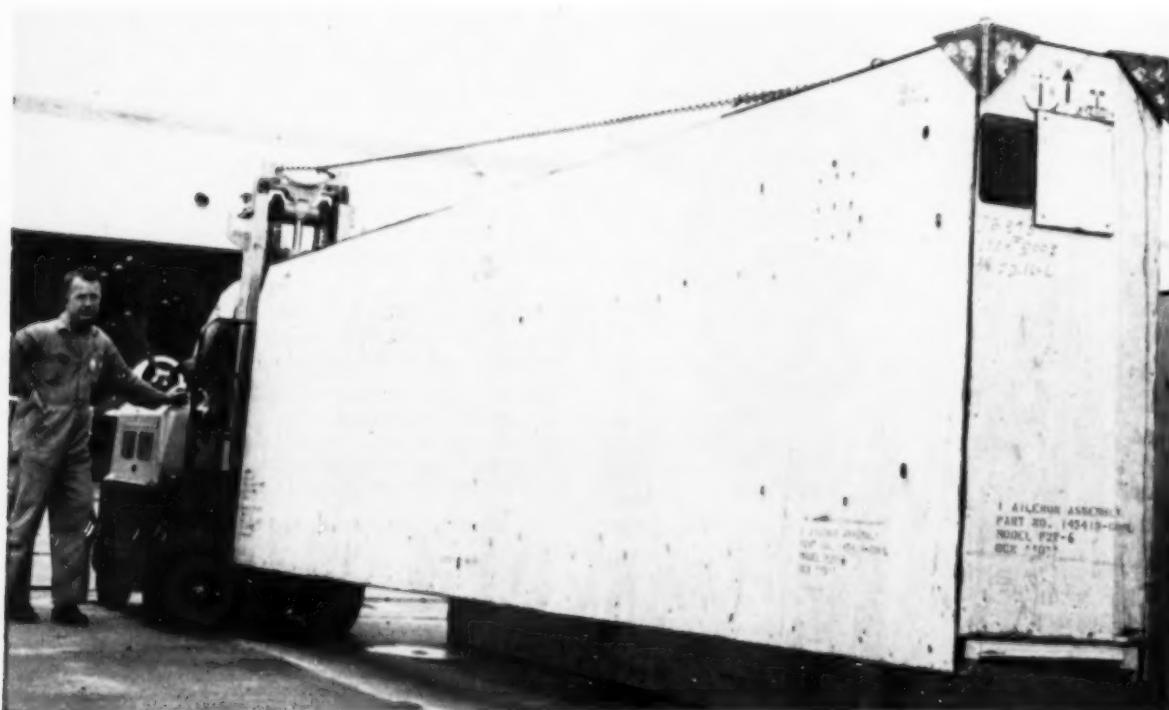
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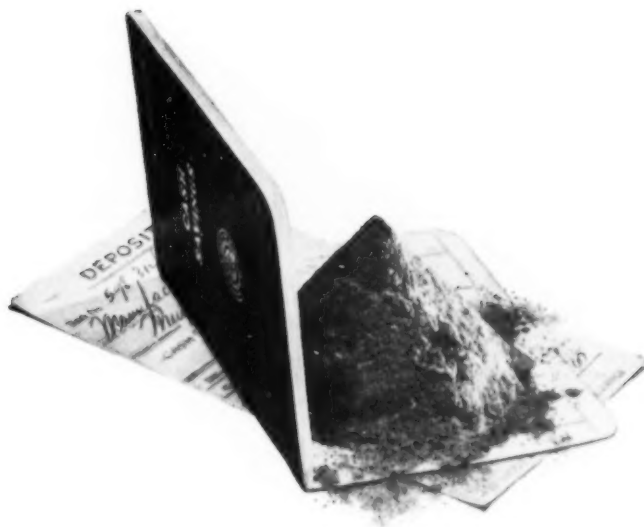
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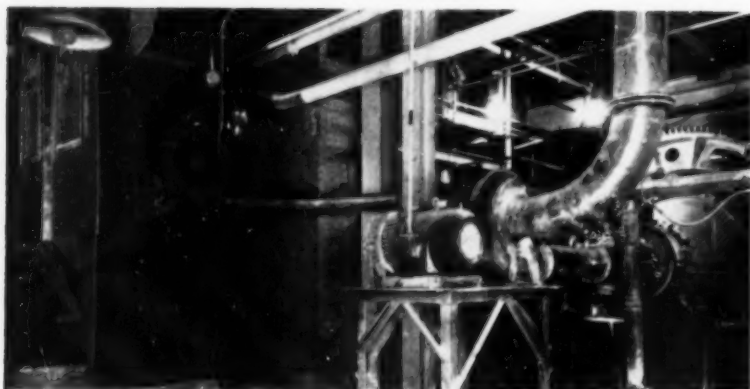
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View in the enamel grinding department at American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp., Louisville, Kentucky. Two-compartment continuous automatic Dustube Dust Collector, manufactured by American Wheelabrator & Equipment

Corp., is at left. Hardinge pebble mill can be seen in the background. Dustube ventilates the Hardinge pebble mill and classifier in a closed circuit air system. The fan in the foreground is for the Hardinge mill.

Cloth-Type Collectors Ventilate Grinding Operation and Reclaim Material—Kentucky

CLOTH-TYPE dust collectors are especially adaptable for ventilating operations in the grinding and classifying of enameling material. Although these operations are characterized by high temperatures, the development of synthetic fibers capable of withstanding high temperature conditions has made the use of cloth filters possible.

American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corporation's Louisville, Kentucky, plant (producing enameled cast iron plumbing fixtures) uses an American Dustube cloth-tube-type collector (American Wheelabrator & Equipment Corp.) to ventilate a Hardinge pebble mill and classifier.

Process Data

The raw materials for the enamel are mixed and melted in a furnace, whereupon the mixture is cooled and sent to the pebble mill for grinding. The mill is ventilated by a closed air circuit system, the velocity of which is very carefully maintained so that only material which has been ground to the proper size will be removed in the air current. Material ground too finely to be used may also be carried out, but none of the enamel carried out by

the air will be of a particle size too large for use. The air current leaving the mill carries the ground enamel to the classifier (of the centrifugal type), where the material of the correct particle size is separated from that which is too small to be used in the enameling process.

The correctly sized material goes on to the application department. The fine material, rejected by the classifier, remains airborne and finds its way back to the pebble mill, since it is in a closed circuit, so to provide for the gradual elimination of fines, and also to provide a slight suction so that dusty air will not leak out into the room through joints in the duct work, 25% of the air leaving the classifier is drawn off. This air is ventilated through the Dustube Collector where the small enamel particles are trapped and reclaimed. This material can be reused, so it is put into the melting furnace and processed again. The collector, therefore, not only keeps the surrounding air from being dusty, but it also affords a monetary saving through the reclamation and reuse of otherwise waste material.

The collector is a two-compartment,

continuous automatic unit. The dust which accumulates on the tubes is dislodged by automatic mechanical shaking at regular intervals, whereupon it falls down into a hopper from where it is removed. As only one compartment shuts down for shaking at a time, continuous filtration is maintained.

Report on Oil and Gas Engine Power Costs

ASME's 37 page report covers 137 plants with 551 engines.

The 1953 Report on Oil and Gas Engine Power Costs (Data for 1952 and previous years) has been published by ASME. More engines and more total horsepower are featured than in any previous report.

Table I—Plant Cost Table—of the 37-page report, shows plant ownership, type, number of engines and total rated horsepower, total plant hours operated, total output, load factors, average cost of fuel and lubricating oil, and costs per net kw-hr in mills.

The 137 plants reported break down as to ownership as follows:

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| Municipal power and/or water plants..... | 69 |
| Cooperative power plants | 28 |
| Privately-owned utility plants | 28 |
| Industrial power plants | 8 |
| Sewage disposal plants | 6 |
| Public power district plants | 8 |

Table II of the report lists costs by years for plants reporting for successive years. It is not in as much detail as Table I, but does give installed horsepower, net output, plant load factors, average cost of fuel in cents per gallon (or Mcf for gas), and operating cost. Eighteen plants are reported for 20 successive years; 34 for ten successive years.

Table III gives detailed operating information such as type of engine, hours operated, gross output, peak load, inspections on fuel used, cooling system, cost of engine repairs, shut-downs, scheduled maintenance time, and number of plant attendants per shift.

Currently there is much interest in possibilities of burning cheaper fuel oils in engines. As an example of the utility of Table III, it is possible to correlate the engine with the load, the fuel, and the maintenance cost.

Copies of the 37 page report are available from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 29 West 39th St., N. Y. 18, N. Y. Price is \$2.50 per copy—\$2 for ASME members.

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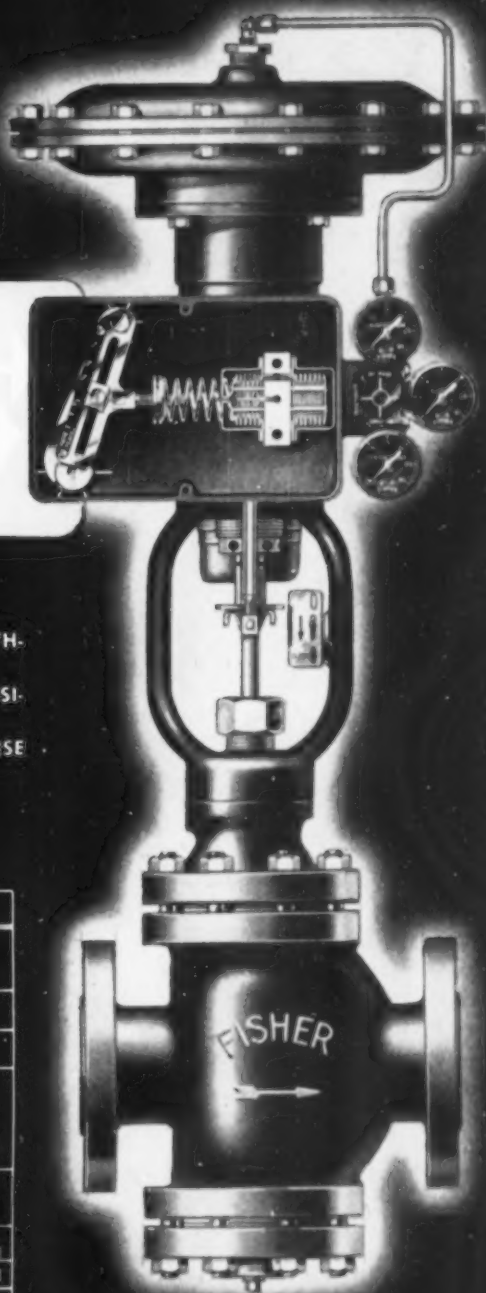
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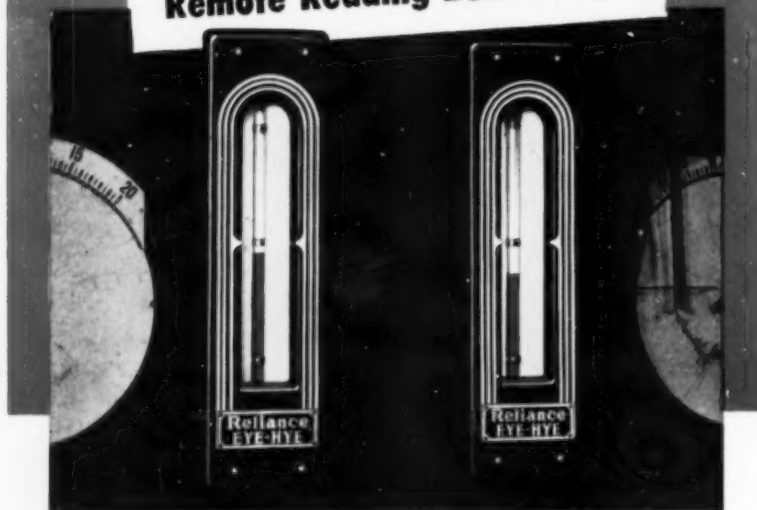
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Plastic Pipe Line

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against extremely heavy weight loads by reinforced concrete conduit. The conduit was placed in the ditch and the Tenite pipe run through it.

The plastic pipe line will be operated at about 50 psi and is buried 30 in. below the surface of the ground. Before covering the pipe with earth the line was satisfactorily tested up to 70 psi.

The new Wilmington Steam Electric Generating Plant, where the pipe line will be used, is to be the largest in the Carolina Power and Light Company system. Two generators capable of delivering 100,000 kw each are to be installed. Plans call for completion of the first unit in 1954 and the second in 1955.

Installation was made by the Carolina Power and Light Company. Construction of the pipe line was under the supervision of Ebasco Services, Inc. Grinnell Corp., Warren, Ohio, supplied the pipe which was extruded by Busada Manufacturing Co., Maspeth, N. Y. Tenite butyrate plastic is marketed by Eastman Chemical Products, Inc., Kingsport, Tenn.

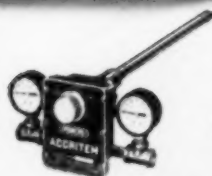
Two-Way Radio for Industrial Trucks

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the operation being served have been extremely good. By dispatching vehicles with loads and re-routing them when they arrive at their destination, Traffic Department supervisors have been able to avoid congestion, get far more use of the equipment and save a great deal of time and money for production departments.

The results have been so good that the use of two-way radio equipment has been expanded to other departments. To date, the Industrial Security Department has eight two-way radio equipped vehicles directed from its own master control center and 8 sets together with a master are on order for the Maintenance Section field unit and four sets with a master have been ordered for the Civil Defense unit.

The Federal Communications Commission has assigned four frequencies for the use of the four units enumerated above. This, of course, is in addition to all aircraft radio communication frequencies.



Above: **POWERS ACCRITEM** Temperature Regulator, is water or compressed air operated. Controls **FLOWRITE** diaphragm valve (right). Widely used for Water Heaters and Industrial Processes.



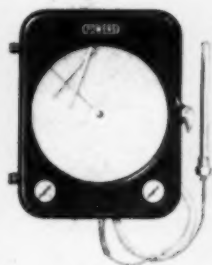
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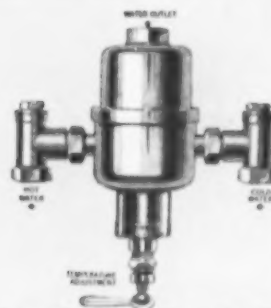
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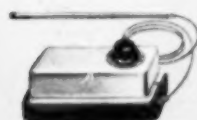
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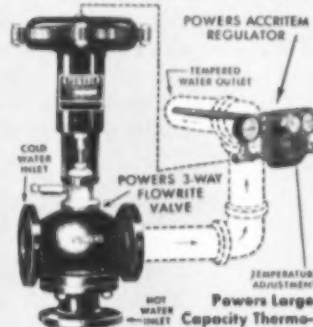
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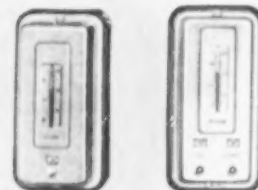
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Magnetic Positioning Tool

C-1 STANDARD PORTABLE CORD Co., INC., Jamestown, New York, has announced production of the "Magic Positioner" holding device which consists of three



45 lb pull, neoprene covered, Alnico V, guaranteed permanent magnets.

The magnets are held in a die-cast, high tensile aluminum frame and have full 360° adjustment, which is regulated by a scale showing 5° gradations. When positioned, each magnet can be locked in place. This feature provides for positioning the tool to conform to almost every conceivable welding operation, and the holding of almost every shape or design of metal.

Costly fixtures for short run production are eliminated as well as 2-man maintenance, production, and welding operations.

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Synthetic Rubber V-Belt

C-2 RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC., MANHATTAN RUBBER DIVISION, Passaic, N. J., has introduced an improved "super-power" V-belt.

The company states that in addition to providing 40% greater horsepower capacity on existing drives, the belt, known as the R/M Super-Power V-Belt, lasts relatively longer than standard V-belts. On new drives, narrower sheaves may be used, saving space, because fewer belts are required for the same power demands.

The new belt has practically no stretch, virtually eliminating belt matching problems.

Dual Purpose Pipe Coupling

C-3 THE MASTER ENTERPRISE CORPORATION OF AMERICA, Boulder Bldg., Tulsa, Oklahoma, announces a new coupling designed especially to ease and simplify the process of connecting tubing or pipe in any size range and for any purpose.

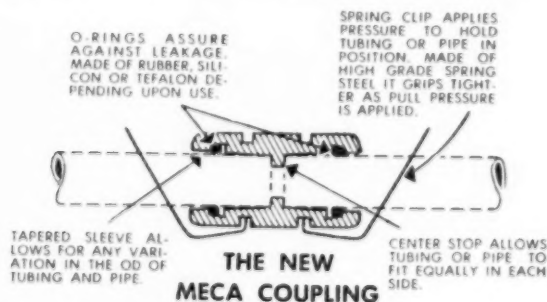
The Meca Coupling requires no threading, flares, ferrules, or tools of any kind to make the connection. In a matter of seconds the most in-

experienced can connect the tubing or pipe into a sealed connection able to withstand extremely high pressures. Press the spring clip, insert the tube, release the spring and that's all there is to do.

One of the principles of the coupling is the grooving of the interior. At each end are grooves containing rubber O-rings or silicone or teflon rings depending upon use. The sleeve is tapered on the inside to allow for any variation in the outside diameter of the tubing or pipe. The coupling has

a stop in the center that allows the insertion of tubing or pipe to fit equally in each side. The spring clip grips tighter as pull pressure is applied.

For permanent coupling or repair coupling of gas, water and oil lines, units are available in sizes to fit up to 2 in. O.D. tubing or pipe. Depending on use, coupling is available in aluminum, brass or steel. Available also as tees, elbows and connectors with a threaded end and hexagon outside for connecting into present equipment.



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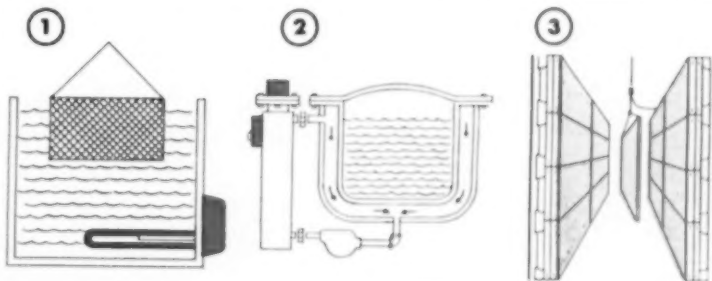
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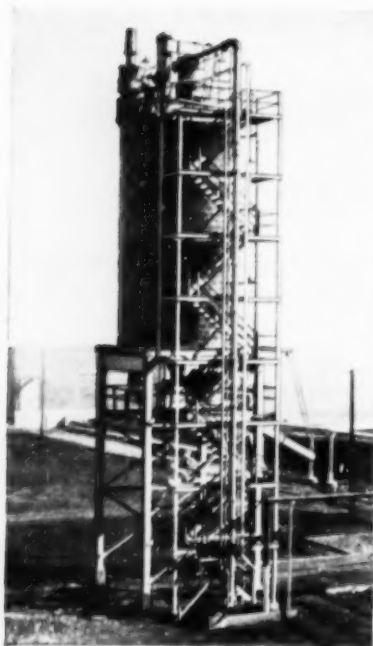
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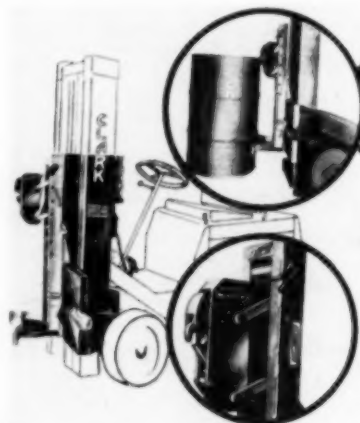
Wet-Dry Vacuum Cleaner

C-4 CLARKE SANDING MACHINE Co., Muskegon, Mich., has introduced three versatile cleaning units included in one basic heavy-duty industrial wet-dry vacuum cleaner.

The basic unit is "Suctioneered," a term adopted to point up the fact that the machine is engineered and designed from the ground up for maximum suction power and versatility.

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to-get-at places. The motor is useable, too, as a high-velocity blower for cleaning motors and machinery. A full line of job-designed attachments is available.



Drum Handling Attachment For Any Power Truck

C-5 MARVEL INDUSTRIES, INC., 2224 Cleveland Street, Evanston, Illinois, announces the new Liftomatic Power Truck Attachment for handling drums.

Made to fit any power truck, the device can be attached or removed by one operator in just a few minutes. Any drum can be handled, fiber or steel, regardless of diameter, height or head or rim size. The Liftomatic is mechanical and completely automatic. No additional power controls are needed, as pickup and release are effected through raising or lowering the truck cylinder. It allows transportation, tiering, and exact placement without the use of pallets or dunnage.



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Wide Range Steam Measurement

C-6 BUILDERS-PROVIDENCE, INC., Providence, R. I., in conjunction with the C. E. SQUIRES COMPANY of Cleveland, Ohio, has recently developed an engineered equipment package that makes possible the measurement of steam under widely different load conditions.

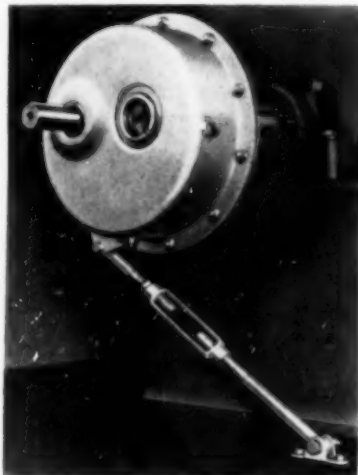
The principle involved is the division of flow from a high range to a low range Shuntflo Meter, whenever the demand on the system is low, by means of a compact changeover arrangement.

The device prevents overload and subsequent damage to low range meter; eliminates need for condensate meter with return lines and attendant maintenance problems; and eliminates need for changing meter capacities (orifices).

Shaft Mounted Drive

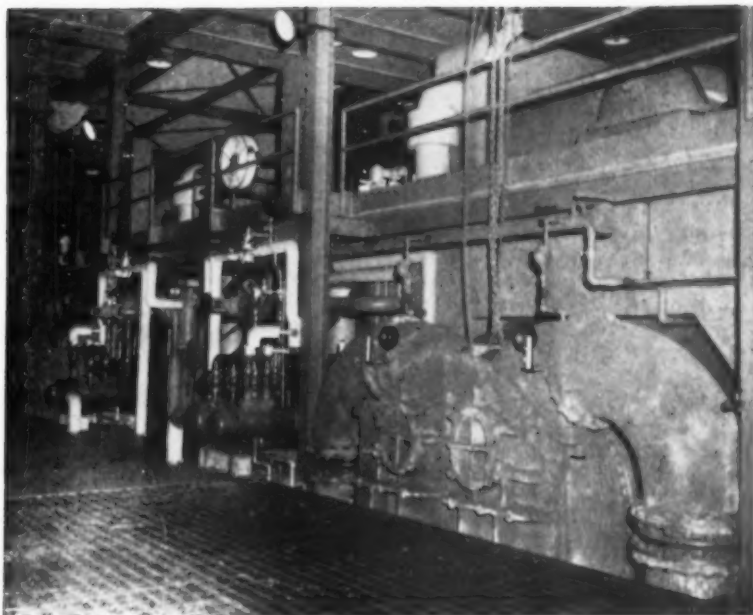
C-7 THE FALK CORPORATION, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, announces a new speed reducer which mounts directly on the shaft to be driven and requires no floor space other than that needed for the motor and tie rod connection. Unit is easily adapted to fit various driven shaft diameters.

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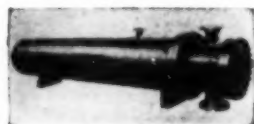
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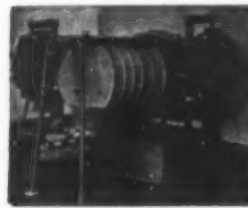
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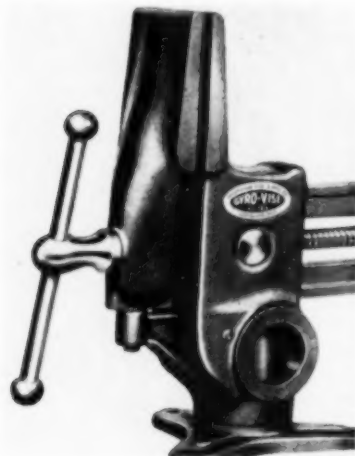
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All-Purpose Vise

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THE COLUMBIAN VISE & MFG. CO., Cleveland, Ohio, has announced the new all-purpose Gyro-Vise No. 72½, which operates from, and rotates around, a standard base which can be mounted in any desired location.



Regardless of its position, upright or flat, the vise moves in a full circle. It locks automatically in any selected position.

The jaws are 2½ in. wide and 4¼ in. deep. Maximum jaw opening is 5 in. The manufacturer claims that these jaws will also hold paper-thin objects securely and without marring. Over-all height is 10½ in. and weight is 16 lb.

Air Conditioning System For Stand-By Buildings

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SURFACE COMBUSTION CORPORATION, Dorf & Thomas Sts., Toledo 1, Ohio, has recently announced a new adaptation of its Kathabar humidity conditioning equipment, designed especially for storage warehouses and war production plants placed in stand-by condition.

The new units represent an effective combination of refrigeration and chemical dehumidification. An air-cooled compressor is used. The condensing coil is located in the leaving air stream, giving the system adiabatic operation.

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Exhaust Purifier for Fork Trucks & Tractors

OXY - CATALYST, INC.,
C-10 Wayne, Pa., announces that the OCM catalytic exhaust is now available for factory installation on gasoline-powered lift trucks and tractors manufactured by CLARK EQUIPMENT COMPANY, Battle Creek, Michigan.

The OCM catalytic exhaust oxidizes more than 95 per cent of the carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons in the engine exhaust, converting them into harmless carbon dioxide and water vapor.

Standard sizes are available for installation by the truck dealer or by a mechanic in the plant. The regular truck muffler is removed and an OCM unit is installed in its place or when factory installed, the OCM catalytic exhaust is simply put on the truck in lieu of the regular muffler.



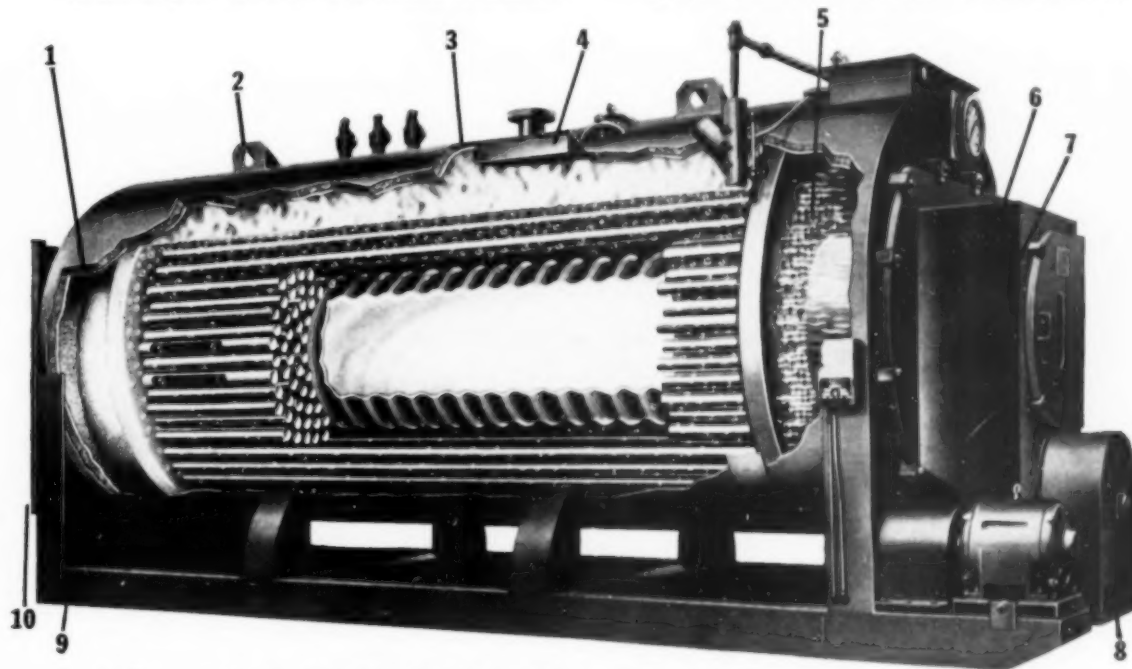
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- 8 Air for the burner passes through an inlet silencer to a forced draft fan. Air flow controlled by adjustable dampers.
- 9 Structural steel base distributes weight evenly on boiler room floor. No special foundation required.
- 10 Hinged rear door lined with insulating refractory. Door can be opened in a few minutes—affording access to furnace and all return tubes. No need to remove and replace refractory baffles or brick work. Note sturdy hinge construction which insures positive seating of door.



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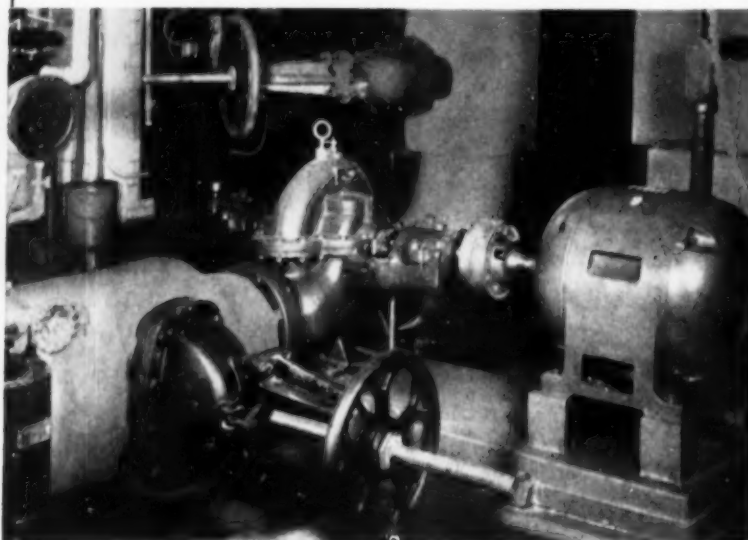
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Safety in N. C. Plant

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Suggestion System

Employees are encouraged to promote safety throughout the plant by a system which rewards worthwhile safety suggestions. A supply of the forms is provided at convenient locations in the plant, with a box in which to deposit them.

Completed suggestion forms are referred to the safety committee of the supervisory council (as previously outlined) for determination of their suitability, and later for the council to determine the monthly defense bond winner.

Acknowledgment of receipt of suggestions is made immediately, and the suggestions are accepted or rejected within 30 days. Suggestion blanks are numbered with a receipt attached, so that employees may remain anonymous until their suggestions are accepted. The reason for rejection of suggestions is given, by number, on the plant bulletin board.

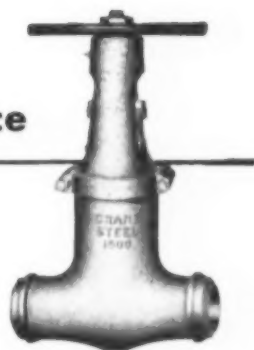
Typical bond-winning suggestions have been for a method of securing balance weights on pads to prevent them from flying off, for a new gear cover on a dye jig, and for construction of steps from the lower level of the plant parking lot.

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In January, 1953, Hanes initiated a series of three-hour first aid classes for all employees desiring to take them, although attendance is not compulsory. Classes are given by *Carlis Fulk*, a graduate of the Red Cross first aid course for instructors. Each week classes are held an hour a day, on company time, until the three-hour course is completed. The course is given as often as 15 to 20 employees sign up for it.

Graduates of the three-hour course may take an 18-hour advanced course, which is given once a year. Classes are held in the evening, on the employees' own

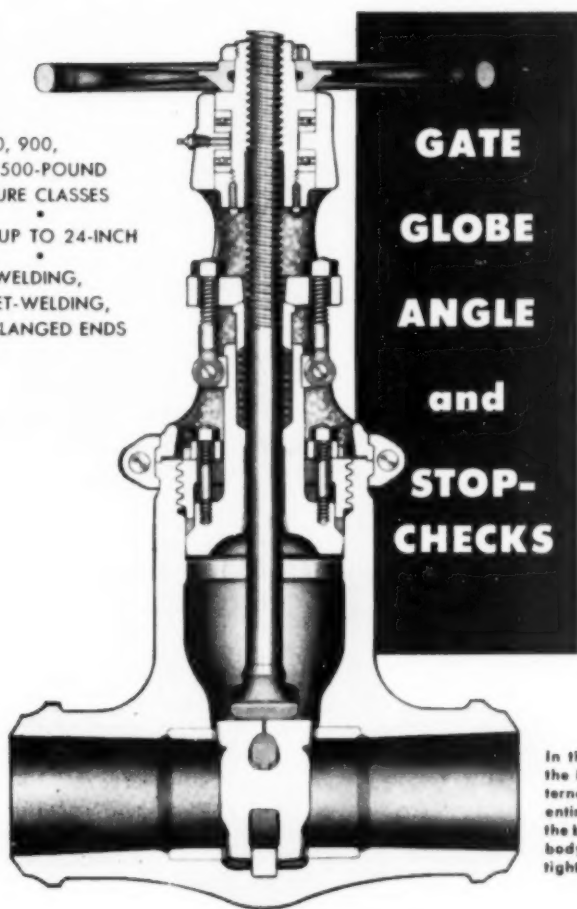
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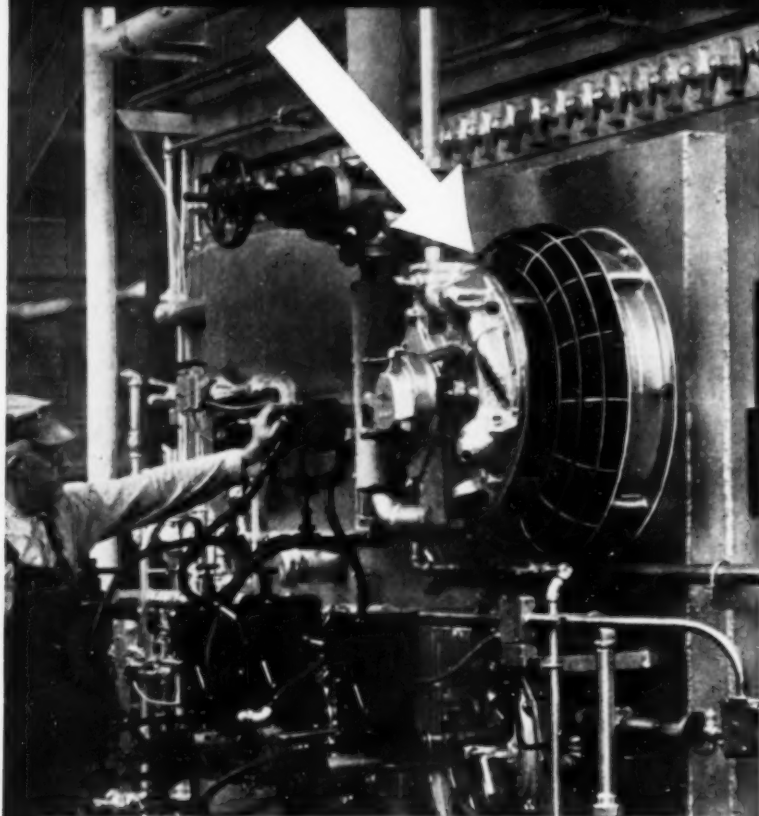
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Results

Although the expanded Plant Safety and Housekeeping Program has only been in operation since the beginning of 1953, good results are already apparent. A substantial decrease has been made over the same period last year in lost-time accidents per million man hours, the best measuring stick of plant safety conditions.

When the plant safety committee made its first inspection, several departments had unacceptably low scores. All of these have scored well over 90 on the last three inspections. The department with the lowest score on the first inspection effected such an improvement that it has had a perfect rating on every subsequent inspection.

Electrostatic Filters

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trode is located in the center of each grid section, with all electrodes being connected to a common bus bar.

In operation, high voltage direct current of positive polarity is applied to each electrode with the extremities of each serration being grounded. This means that the fibers comprising the filter medium are at different voltages with each fiber being at a different potential than that of its neighbor. This results in the creation of an electrostatic field of force between each element of the medium which converges toward the fiber, with the strongest and most intense portion of the electrostatic field at the fiber surface.

The media in general use at the

present time in this fabric type of electronic air filter is a cellulose material which has been used for a number of years in standard dry types of air filters. There is also available a bonded glass type of media which may be advantageous in certain types of applications.

It will be noted from Fig. 5 that this unit is constructed in two sections with matched surfaces so that when the cell is loaded with media it presents a tight compact unit, thereby obviating the possibility of any air leakage within the filter element.

When the media has become loaded with dust, which is usually determined by the build-up in its resistance to air flow, it simply becomes necessary to remove the two sections and pull out the dirty media sheet.

The reloading of the clean media can be accomplished either by using a manual or a mechanical loader, both of which are available. No oiling of any sort is necessary and there are no washing operations requiring the use of water. The dirty media in each case is disposed of because of the low cost of media replacements.

The media type electrostatic air filter will still provide a high order of cleaning efficiency even if it should be electrically de-energized. This is of particular importance when one considers that many ventilating and air conditioning systems are turned off periodically and the chimney or "stack effect" produced by the duct system may introduce dust laden air into the filtered space.

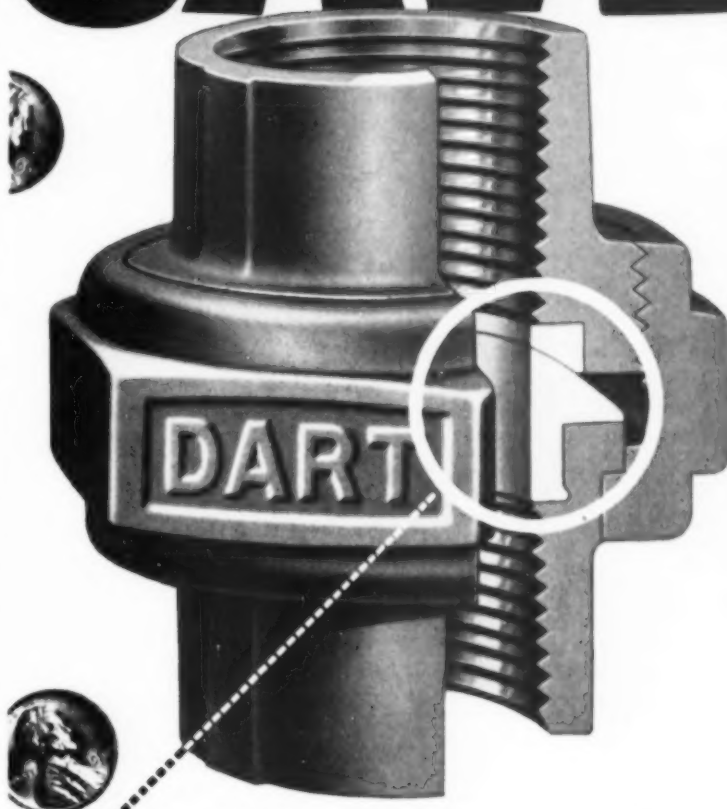
Infrared at Work

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An Appraisal of Atomic Power (Continued)

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the most promising of these appear to be liquid sodium or a liquid sodium-potassium solution. These liquid metals do not require pressurizing; they have low-capture cross sections in addition to excellent heat transfer and corrosion-resisting properties. They permit an appreciable reduction in the size of the reactor as well as operation at higher temperatures. In addition an electro-magnetic pump may be used instead of the conventional mechanical pump thus eliminating difficult sealing and maintenance problems there.

The Power Plant

Figs. 4 and 5 show schematic arrangements of a steam power plant and a gas-turbine power plant using an unmoderated breeder reactor and a liquid-metal coolant. Only the simplest kind of power plants have been shown, it being clear that such refinements as regenerative feedwater heating in the steam power plant and intercooling, reheat and regeneration in the gas-turbine power plant could be employed.

The Heat Exchanger

The heat exchanger deserves special attention. It is obvious that if the radioactive coolant is to be isolated from the working fluid of the power plant, to avoid contamination of the turbine and other equipment, an absolutely

tight heat exchanger must be provided. Because repairs on the heat exchanger can be accomplished only after a very difficult decontamination procedure it is necessary that the exchanger have a very high degree of reliability.

Double-walled or concentric tubes are used to separate the coolant from the working fluid of the power plant. Sodium fills the annulus between the tubes in order to provide a good heat transfer bond between the coolant flowing inside the inner tube and the working fluid of the power plant flowing outside the outer tube. The sodium in the annulus is completely sealed off and is provided with detectors to monitor the leakage of the coolant, or the working fluid of the power plant, into the annulus.

Economics

Only very crude estimates of the capital and operating costs of an atomic power plant can be made at this time. It is to be hoped that experience gained from the design, construction, and operation of the atomic power plant proposed by the Atomic Energy Commission will permit more reliable cost estimates. Nevertheless a qualitative analysis of these costs can be made.

Several important factors need to be considered:

(a) If a steam power plant must operate below a temperature of 1000 F (about 900 F), imposed as the top limit on the reactor by present materials, this will represent retrogression in the design of the power plant resulting in higher costs in that area.

(b) A large steam power plant burning coal as a fuel costs about \$195 per kw of installed capacity today. About \$90 per kw is invested in the steam-generating equipment which would be replaced by the reactor, heat exchanger, and related equipment. Present estimates indicate that \$350 per kw would be a conservative figure for the reactor and its allied equipment.

(c) The atomic power plant has to be located in an isolated area which involves higher transmission costs and larger land holdings.

(d) A greater number of highly skilled personnel are required for the operation of an atomic power plant.

(e) Although a reactor will not "explode" the requirement of high integrity and reliability should serve to increase maintenance costs in at least the earliest plants.

On the other side of the ledger are these factors:

(a) It seems likely that metals or ceramic materials will become available to permit operation of the reactor at temperatures approaching 1500 F.

(b) It is reasonable to expect that the cost of the reactor can be reduced. Present cost estimates are based on reactors not specifically designed for a power plant. The elimination of costly moderators, such as beryllium, a cheap purification process for zirconium, or the availability of a cheaper structural material would do much to reduce the cost of reactors.

(c) The use of a breeder reactor which uses natural uranium or thorium and at the same time produces salable fissionable materials could reduce fuel costs to the point where the higher initial cost of the reactor would be justified. Furthermore, cheap nuclear fuels may make the thermodynamic advantages of higher temperature for the working fluid of the power plant less important.

(d) A market for the radioactive fission products could be an additional source of income.

By-products

It would appear that one of the most important economic aspects of atomic power is the possibility of breeding fissionable material to be sold as a by-product. It was noted earlier that one to three neutrons may be released on fission. A statistical average is about 2.5. This means that half a neutron is available for breeding provided none is lost due to parasitic losses.

We shall assume that 0.25 neutron is lost due to absorption in

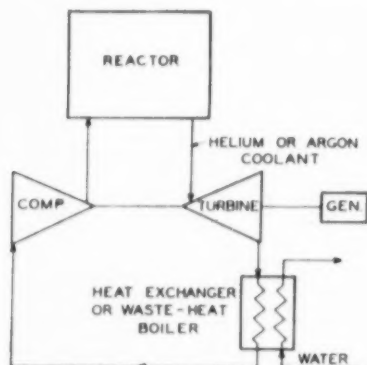


FIG. 5—Schematic arrangement of atomic closed-cycle gas turbine power plant.

nonfissionable reactor materials or through escape from the reactor. About 3.5×10^{10} Btu of energy are released in each fission. Then

$$1 \text{ lb Pu}^{239} + 2 \text{ lb U}^{238} = 1.25 \text{ lb Pu}^{239} + 0.75 \text{ lb U}^{238} + 1 \text{ lb fission products} + 3.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ Btu.}$$

The 0.75 lb U^{238} represents untransmuted U^{238} which is lost unless it can be cheaply separated from the spent fuel. This equation may be simplified as follows.

$$2 \text{ lb U}^{238} = 0.25 \text{ lb Pu}^{239} + 0.75 \text{ lb U}^{238} + 1 \text{ lb fission products} + 3.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ Btu.}$$

The 0.25 lb Pu^{239} is excess and salable. The price of Pu^{238} is currently about \$35 per pound and Pu^{239} has a value of about \$30 per gram. The cost of the original fuel is \$70 and the value of the plutonium bred in the reactor is about \$3400.

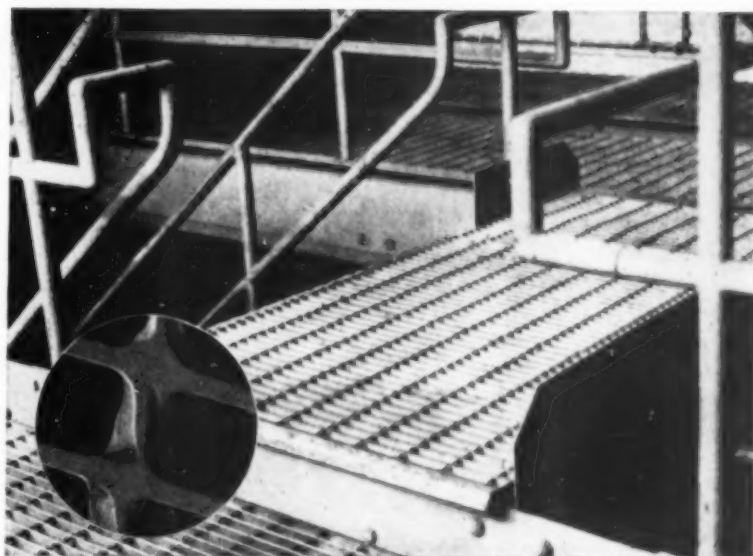
Relative Costs

If we assume a 60,000 kw steam power plant operating 0.7 load factor and 26% thermal efficiency, from the above equation it is seen that about 274 lb of U^{238} will be consumed annually with a production of 34.3 lb of Pu^{239} . The total cost of nuclear fuel will be \$9,597 but \$166,620 will be realized from the sale of Pu^{239} .

If we assume that coal costs 30 cents per million Btu, the savings in fuel costs amount to \$1,449,000 annually. This results in a net saving of about \$1,556,000. If this sum is capitalized for a term of 30 years at 6% interest \$357 per kw can be invested in the reactor and related equipment over and above the capital cost of a conventional steam generator. Not taken into consideration were the cost of processing the Pu^{239} and differences in operating costs which are certain to exist.

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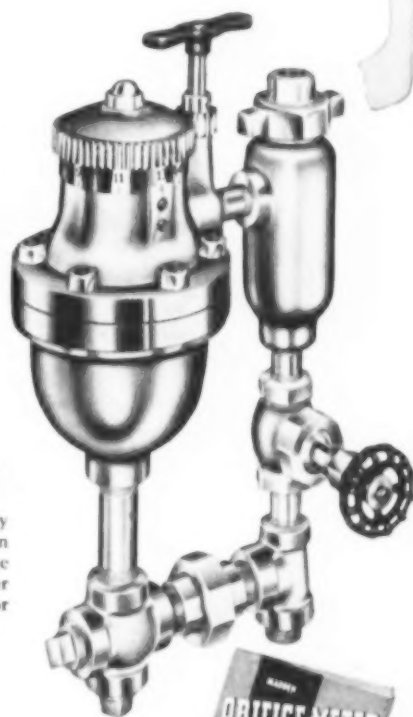
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Registration will be Tuesday morning, April 6. Beginning at 1:00 P.M., there will be three speakers on the afternoon program; one for industry, one for education, and one for professional societies. Their talks will be directed toward such topics as recruiting and placement of graduates, postgraduate educational training, vo-

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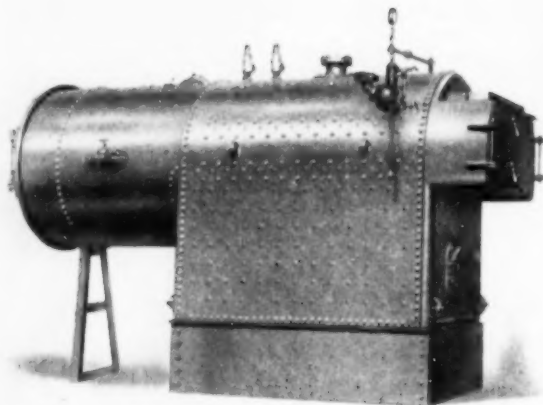
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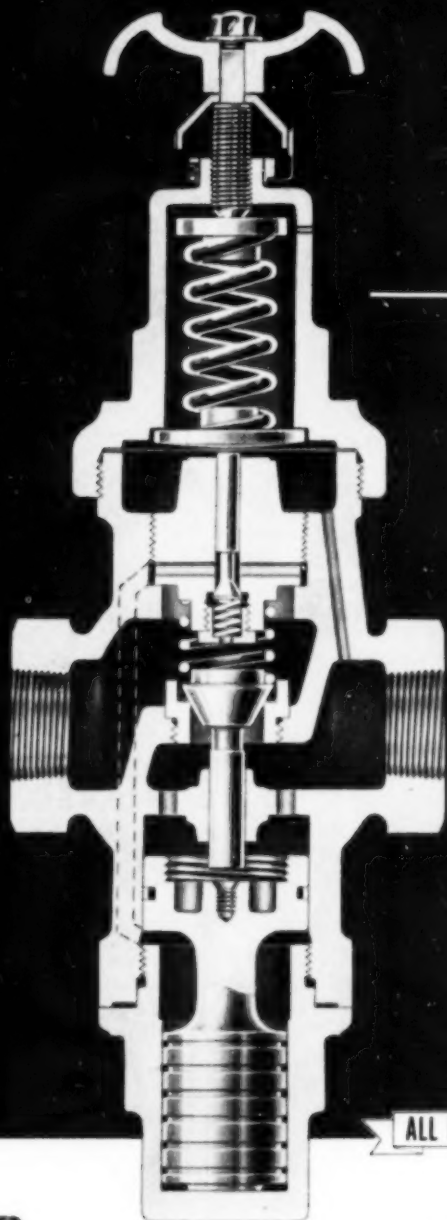
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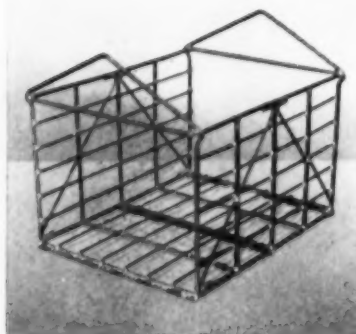


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news for the South and Southwest (continued)

Mendow Succeeds Nelson at A. M. Lockett—La.

A. M. LOCKETT & COMPANY, LTD., NEW ORLEANS, LA., announces the retirement of MR. BERNARD STANLEY NELSON, Vice President in Charge of Engineering. Employed in 1907, as Junior Engineer, Mr. Nelson has been connected with the Lockett Company during the past 46 years.



F. Robert Mendow (left), succeeds Bernard S. Nelson (right), as chief engineer, A. M. Lockett & Company, New Orleans.

He became Chief Engineer in 1919 and in 1951, became Vice President. As Contracting Mechanical Engineers, this Company designs and builds complete plants embodying the heavy mechanical equipment which they represent and, as a result, Mr. Nelson has been in active charge of the design and construction of many types of plants—particularly power, waterworks, irrigation, drainage and creosoting plants.

Succeeding Mr. Nelson is MR. F. ROBERT MENDOW. Mr. Mendow joined A. M. Lockett & Company's organization after his graduation from Tulane University in the Class of 1930, where he received the Tau Beta Pi Honorary Award. He is an active member of the local section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the Engineers & Architects Club.

B. Wilson Bird of Atlantic Steel Dies Unexpectedly

B. WILSON BIRD, manager of the Fabricating Division of ATLANTIC STEEL COMPANY, ATLANTA, died unexpectedly at his home on January 24.

A native of Omaha, Georgia, Mr. Bird attended Georgia Tech. He had been with Atlantic Steel 20 years. Early in 1952, he was named manager of the Fabricating Division, which includes the products of the Manufacturing Department as well as fabricated bars.

Name Change—Richmond Steel

The name of the Richmond Structural Steel Co., Inc., 18th and East Byrd Sts., RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, has been changed to RICHMOND STEEL CO., INC.

Richmond Steel fabricates and warehouses complete stocks of steel beams, bars and channels, angles, sheets, plates, rivets, bolts, steel sash, bar joists, reinforcing bars, wire mesh and steel buildings, steel bridges and barges. The company maintains complete departments for the design, fabrication and erection of all forms of structural steel and ornamental iron, with facilities supplying every detail from drawing board to completed projects.

Officers of Richmond Steel Company are Carter N. Williams, Jr., Chairman of the Board; Carter N. Williams, III, President; Charles L. Williams, Thomas N. Williams and W. H. Chapman, Vice-Presidents; A. Bernard Cosby, Treasurer, and Jack Houck, Sales Manager.

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New Officers Elected; W. R. C. Smith Pub. Co.

WILLIAM J. ROOKE has been elected to Chairman of the Board and RICHARD P. SMITH has succeeded him as President of the W. R. C. SMITH PUBLISHING COMPANY, Atlanta. Both will continue full time executive duties with the company as in the past, with Mr. Rooker supervising editorial and business staffs of the company's five merchandising magazines and Mr. Smith giving leadership to the industrial publications: SOUTHERN POWER & INDUSTRY, and TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.



William J. Rooker (left), chairman of the board, and Richard P. Smith, president, W. R. C. Smith Publishing Company.

Mr. Rooker is a past President of The Associated Business Publications, and is currently Vice Chairman of the National Business Publications, Inc., Vice President of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and a Director of the Bank of Georgia. He has been with W. R. C. Smith Publishing Company for over forty years. He was made Executive Vice President in 1931 and President in 1937. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Richard Smith is the youngest son of the late W. R. C. Smith who founded the company in 1905. He is currently Chairman of the Board, Rotary Club of Atlanta; a Director, Atlanta Child's Home and The Business Publications Audit, Inc.; Trustee of the Youth Service Fund, Inc., and the Rotary Educational Foundation, Inc. He was educated in the Atlanta public schools before going to Cheshire Academy, Connecticut. He was graduated from the Virginia Military Institute, Class of 1934, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Smith served in the United States Army during World War II, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery.

Appalachian Power Promotions

R. E. HODGES, division manager of APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC POWER CO. at CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, has been promoted to assistant general

manager of the company at ROANOKE, VIRGINIA. JOE P. GILL, formerly district manager at Logan, succeeds Mr. Hodges at Charleston.

MILLER C. PORTERFIELD, who has been assistant manager of the Welch district, replaces Mr. Gills at Logan.

Metal Products Changes Name — Miami, Florida

Metal Products Corp., 807 N.W. 20th St., MIAMI 37, FLA., has changed its name to AMERICAN SCREEN PRODUCTS COMPANY, according to a recent announcement by JOHN D. FOSKETT, president. The company manufactures quality window screens and rolling door hardware, under the seal of Homeshield Products.

Reynolds Metals Installs Private Telegraph Network

REYNOLDS METALS COMPANY in RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, and LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, has officially inaugurated service on the largest industrial private-wire telegraph network in the South.

The wire network, installed by Western Union for Reynolds Metals, links telegraphically all the aluminum firm's plants and major sales offices. There are 48 stations on the system, which is designed to transmit a message in an average time of three minutes. Key information is automatically retained for record purposes. The new network has about 12,000 miles of circuits in 23 states, linking Reynolds facilities from coast to coast.

Trane Co.—Pensacola

Appointment of MARVIN R. CLEMONS to a new branch sales office in PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, has been announced by THE TRANE COMPANY, manufacturers of air conditioning, heating and ventilating equipment. The Pensacola sub-office will operate in conjunction with the Birmingham, Alabama, sales office.

Clemons is a graduate of Louisiana State University and was formerly associated with the firm's New Orleans sales office.

Rivett Lathe & Grinder Names Ficke—Kansas

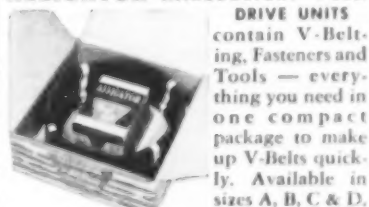
RIVETT LATHE & GRINDER, INC., has announced the appointment of FICKE ENGINEERING & SUPPLY COMPANY, 305 Pattie Ave., WICHITA 7, KANSAS, as representative for the company's line of air and hydraulic valves and cylinders and power units.

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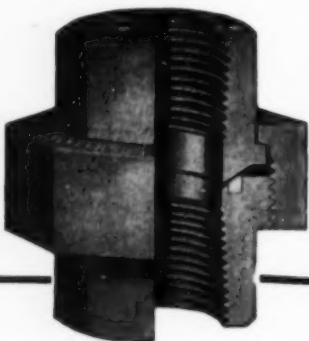
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Vulcan Steel Container Co. Appoints Mitchell—Alabama

Appointment of RAY I. MITCHELL as Sales-Service Representative for VULCAN STEEL CONTAINER CO., BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, has been announced by Gordon D. Zuck, president.



Ray I. Mitchell

Mitchell is a graduate of the University of Alabama. He served in the Navy during World War II, and has been doing special sales work since. He will have headquarters at the company's main offices and plant in Birmingham and will contact users of steel pails and drums throughout the South as a special representative.

Preferred Utilities Names Nevans Company—Houston

PREFERRED UTILITIES MANUFACTURING CORPORATION of Danbury, Conn., announces the appointment of THE NEVANS COMPANY of HOUSTON, TEXAS, as exclusive sales representative for the Preferred Unit Steam Generator in the east Texas area.

The Nevans Company, directed by THOMAS L. B. WEBB, has been active for the past five years in the Gulf Coast area in providing engineering and equipment relating to industrial water and power plant requirements. Mr. Webb has had extensive experience with Dow Chemical Company, DuPont Company, and Southern California Gas Company.

Rice Institute Exposition

The 14th biennial Rice Institute Exposition of Engineering, Science, and Arts is scheduled for April 2 and 3 on the Rice campus in HOUSTON, TEXAS.

This show displays the work of the various departments of the Rice Insti-

tute, with emphasis on engineering and science. Students construct and operate all exhibits in addition to managing the show.

Electrical engineers are planning three-dimensional television and a wrist radio utilizing transistors. The mechanical engineering department will demonstrate the "Garrett Prest-Air Cooker," designed and patented by a student. Chemical engineers will rely on optical illusions to show off a wall of flame and floating brass weights. Civil engineers plan to have a working model filtration plant.

This year the show, which has formerly attracted as many as 50,000 visitors, is expected to be the most complete in history. A notable example of new buildings on the campus which will be of interest is the Nuclear Research Laboratory, with its 7,000,000 volt Van de Graaf accelerator.

Scaife Co.—Southeast

SCAIFE COMPANY, Oakmont, Pa., manufacturers of pressure vessels for air, gases and liquids, announces that W. T. BRYSON is now sales supervisor in ATLANTA, GEORGIA, and will cover the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida.

DEAN WAGONER, with headquarters in GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, continues to represent the company in North and South Carolina.

Borolite Corp. Officers

BOROLITE CORPORATION, Niagara Falls, N. Y., recently formed by FIRTH STERLING, INC., AMERICAN ELECTRO METAL CORPORATION and THE CARBORUNDUM COMPANY to develop and manufacture various metal borides for high temperature applications, has named officers of the new company.

General Clinton F. Robinson, Carborundum's president, was named a director and president; Kenneth D. Mann, president of Firth Sterling, and Dr. Paul Schwarzkopf, president of American Electro Metal Corporation, were elected vice presidents and directors.

Hill Chase Steel Co.—Md.

The Directors of THE HILL CHASE STEEL CO. OF MARYLAND, distributors of steel and aluminum with headquar-

ters in Baltimore and offices in Richmond, Roanoke, Asheville, and Norfolk have elected the former President, John J. Hill, Jr., to Chairman of the Board of Directors; William E. Hill, President and Treasurer; J. J. Hill, III, Vice-President, and Robert M. Finley, Vice-President and Secretary.

The Hill Chase Steel Company of Maryland began its Baltimore operation in 1946 and has become one of the largest steel and aluminum distributors on the eastern seaboard.



Reynolds Metals Opens New Arkansas Plant

REYNOLDS METALS COMPANY's new Robert P. Patterson aluminum reduction plant, located near Arkadelphia, Arkansas, is now in operation. The facility, named in honor of the late company vice-president and director, has an annual rated capacity of 110 million pounds of virgin aluminum. Completion of the new plant is another important milestone in the aluminum industry's general expansion program; its operation gives Reynolds an annual production capacity of 829 million pounds.

J. W. HUTCHISON is manager of the new plant, which cost an estimated \$34 million. Its construction was entirely privately-financed. The facility, the most modern of its type, is located on a 780-acre site south of Arkadelphia, just off U. S. Route 67, the main highway between Little Rock and Texarkana. The "pot rooms," where metallic aluminum is produced, are 1827 ft in length. About 400 workers will be employed when the plant reaches full production.

Accessory operations include a general administrative office, laboratory, carbon electrode plant, auto storage facilities, steam plant, and other structures.

Aluminum, the plant's end product, was used extensively in its construction.

Pocahontas Fuel—Virginia

WILLIAM C. MCINTOSH of RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, has been appointed service engineer for the Southern Sales Division of the POCAHONTAS FUEL COMPANY.

Mr. McIntosh is a native of Farmville, Virginia, and was graduated from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1949. Since that time he has been employed as a mechanical engineer by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Aluminum siding covers many of the buildings, and aluminum bus bar is used for transmitting the massive quantities of electricity to the "cells" where the molten metal is produced. To convert alternating electric current into the direct current necessary for the operation, a high installation of rectifiers was erected, tubes of which resemble giant radio tubes.

The opening of the Patterson plant marks continued Reynolds expansion in Arkansas. The firm operates another reduction plant in the state—its Jones Mills facility, located in the northern end of Hot Spring County. Alumina, which is converted into metallic aluminum at the reduction plants, is supplied by the Reynolds alumina plant at Hurricane Creek. And the basic aluminum ore—bauxite—is mined by a subsidiary firm, Reynolds Mining Company, near Bauxite, Arkansas.

Main contractors were Dittmars-Dickmann-Pickens Construction Company, Little Rock, and W. S. Bellows Construction Company of Houston. Structural steel work was handled by the American Bridge Division, U. S. Steel and the electrical construction by Fagan Electric Company, Little Rock. Midwest Construction Company, Tulsa, was a sub-contractor.

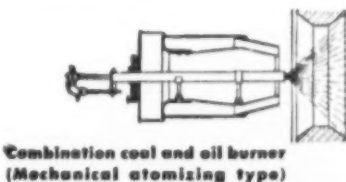
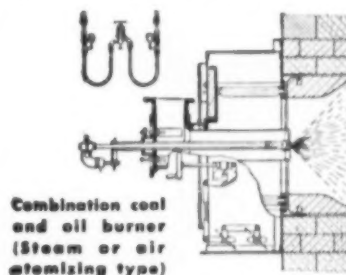
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UTILITY EXECUTIVES and engineers attending the one-day New Orleans conference and exhibit included H. CHESTER GAUSE, manager, industrial power sales, Alabama Power Company, Birmingham; CLARENCE M. KILIAN, advertising manager, Alabama Power Company, Birmingham; R. H. JACKSON, manager of apparatus sales, southeast district, General Electric Company, Atlanta; FRED W. MCCHESENEY, manager of industry sales procedures, General Electric Company, Schenectady; S. L. DRUMM, vice president, New Orleans Public Service Inc., and G. C. RAWLS, vice president, Louisiana Power and Light Co.

Industrial Productivity Forum—New Orleans

New ideas for increased production presented by Louisiana Power & Light Company, New Orleans Public Service and General Electric.

Ten speakers—each a specialist in industrial productivity—appeared in a one-day INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTIVITY FORUM, held at the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La., in January. Representatives from Louisiana and Mississippi industries attended the exhibits and forum, sponsored by the General Electric Company, Louisiana Power and Light Company and New Orleans Public Service Company.

The program, featuring the latest industrial productivity techniques, was opened by H. H. BLAKESLEE, manager, La.-Miss. apparatus division, General Electric Co., New Orleans. Keynote speaker was F. W. MCCHESENEY, manager, industry sales procedures of General Electric's industrial divisions in Schenectady. MR. MCCHESENEY, a veteran of more than 30 such Industrial Forums throughout the country, spoke on "New Ideas For Increased Production."

POWER DISTRIBUTION was discussed by E. W. MORRIS, district switchgear specialist, General Electric Co., Atlanta. He emphasized that the power system is the "keystone" in all programs for increased productivity. The presentation pointed up how more usable power, greater protection, and better service continuity are economically provided by modern power distribution practices.

Commenting on ADJUSTABLE SPEED DRIVES, J. S. APPERSON, manager, speed variator sales, General Electric

Co., Schenectady, showed that the post-war developments in greater power, higher feeds and speeds, automatic cycles and automatic work handling are not being used to full potential. They afford time-saving, money-saving opportunities while speeding up production.

J. A. LONG, district heating specialist of G.E. in Atlanta, gave a comprehensive review of the role of ELECTRIC HEATING in manufacturing processes including air heating, liquid heating, metal melting and pipeline heating. He also covered electronic heating, including induction and dielectric.

In the face of steadily-mounting costs, management was advised by C. B. ELLEDGE, manager, material handling sales, G.E., Schenectady, to discard obsolete methods of handling and substitute fast, economical electrical methods—conveyors, cranes, hoists, battery trucks and locomotives. Manhours so conserved can often be diverted to other plant operations.

ELECTRONIC CONTROLS, as used so effectively in counting, sorting, matching, controlling, to provide unerring automatic work cycles, were described by H. L. PALMER, manager, engineering specialty control department, G.E., Schenectady. Other discussions covered Good Industrial Lighting, Scheduled Maintenance, and What's Ahead in Research.

G. C. RAWLS, vice-president of

LOUISIANA POWER AND LIGHT, closed the forum with a summary of present and future plans for production of power to meet the needs of expanding Louisiana and Mississippi industry.

J. V. MORTON, manager of the industrial division, of the industrial engineering and utilization department, NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC SERVICE, was general chairman of the committee on arrangements for the forum.

Instrument Exposition

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT EXPOSITION, sponsored by the Instrument Society of America, has already received contracts from 287 exhibitors for 573 exhibit booths at the Philadelphia Convention Hall, September 15-21, 1954. With only a few booths still available, the management has found it necessary to contract for additional space. More than 25,000 visitors from all parts of the country and many foreign countries are expected to attend.

Further information may be obtained by writing the Managing Director, First International Instrument Congress and Exposition, 845 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh 12, Pennsylvania.

Oakite Award—Memphis

Oakite Products, Inc., has presented a D. C. Ball Distinguished Service scroll to GRANT WILLIAMS, a veteran of ten years service with the firm, and since 1949 its representative in MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

Each year the company, manufacturer of industrial cleaning and related materials, makes awards in memory of its founder to those members of its nationwide field service organization who have rendered exceptional service to industry.

Tube Turns Becomes Div. of National Cylinder Gas

NATIONAL CYLINDER GAS COMPANY has simplified its corporate structure. TUBE TURNS, INC., manufacturer of welding fittings and forgings, with headquarters in LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, has become the Tube Turns division. Pennsylvania Forge Corporation of Philadelphia, producer of flanges, rings and heavy forgings, has become a division known as Pennsylvania Forge Company. The Hollup Corporation of Chicago, and National Cylinder Gas Company—Pacific Coast, have been dissolved.

Penn Names Snyder—Okla.

SNYDER COMPANY, INC., specialists in flow, temperature and pressure control instruments and valves, have been appointed representatives for PENN INDUSTRIAL INSTRUMENT CORPORATION of Philadelphia.

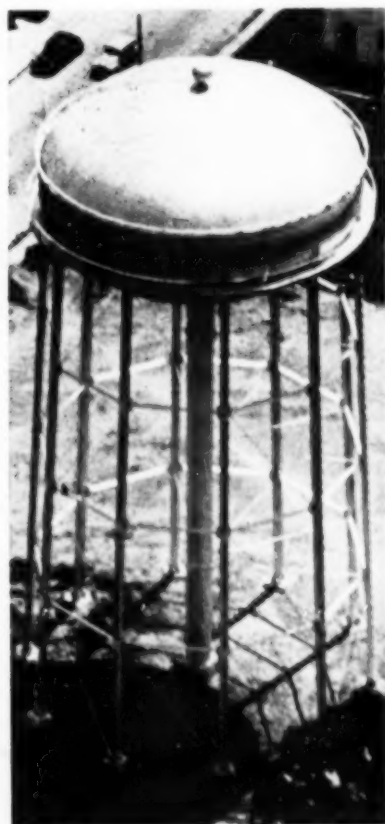
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Atlantic Steel Co.—Ga.

ATLANTIC STEEL COMPANY, ATLANTA, has been appointed by the Great Lakes Steel Corporation of Detroit to distribute steel Quonset and Long-Span buildings, Stran-Steel nailable framing and structural sections in 101 Georgia counties, 33 Alabama counties, 51 middle Tennessee counties and 3 counties in South Carolina near Savannah.



John T. Butler, assistant manager of the Warehouse Division, Atlantic Steel Company.

Atlantic Steel Company will also serve as dealer for the products in the Atlanta area. JOHN T. BUTLER, assistant manager of the Warehouse Division, will head up the new activity. J. D. MURPHY, steel building specialist, will assist Mr. Butler and JOHN F. NELSON will continue to handle sales of the products.

Three members of the Mid-South Steel Company, former distributor, have joined the Atlantic Steel Company: JOHN WHITE and C. DICK CARMACK, who will serve as field managers, and MRS. BLANCHE MCRAE, who will serve on the sales staff in the Atlanta office. Mr. White will have headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

Robert H. Taylor has been named engineer for the Stran-Steel Division. A graduate of Georgia Tech, Mr. Taylor is a licensed and registered structural and design engineer.

Georgia Power Expansion

THE GEORGIA POWER COMPANY will invest more than \$34,000,000 in new generating, transmission and distribution facilities in 1954. Harlee Branch, Jr., president, announced recently.

Of the \$34,000,000, nearly \$13,000,000 will be spent on power plants. Most of this amount will go towards

the completion of the first two 100,000 kw steam-electric generating units at Plant Hammond on the Coosa river near Rome and for further work on a third unit of the same size. The first two units of Plant Hammond are scheduled to go into operation during 1954. The third unit will be completed in 1955.

A part of the money appropriated for generating facilities will be spent on engineering for two additional hydroelectric units of 5,000 kw each to be installed at the company's Goat Rock plant on the Chattahoochee river above Columbus. The two units will increase the capacity of this plant to 31,000 kilowatts. Actual construction at Goat Rock will begin in 1955.

More than \$6,000,000 will be invested in new transmission lines and substations. This work includes several major power lines to connect Plant Hammond with the company's statewide transmission system. These 110,000 volt lines will radiate from Plant Hammond to transmission substations located at Lindale, Bremen, Aragon and Norcross. The construction of these lines will make additions and changes necessary at the Lindale, Bremen and Aragon substations.



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Koppers Expands—Baltimore

Construction of a new mechanical development laboratory devoted to the refinement and adaptation of present products and processes plus the development of new products for the Metal Products Division of KOPPERS COMPANY, INC., was announced recently.

The new laboratory will be located at Koppers' South Baltimore Plant. Personnel and operations will be directed by John W. Pennington, Manager of the Division's Technical Department.

Orr & Sembower—Carolinas

ORR & SEMBOWER, INC., Reading, Pa., has announced the appointment of CHARLES M. SETZER & Co., Box 1867, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, as sales and service representative handling Powermaster packaged automatic boilers in central North Carolina and in the northern part of South Carolina.

C. M. SETZER, JR., is in charge of activities at Charlotte and ROWE A. MAUNEY operates from Marion, North Carolina.

New Warehouse & Offices for Whitney Chain Co.—Atlanta

THE WHITNEY CHAIN COMPANY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, is expanding its service to Southern industry through the addition of a modern warehouse building at 554 Deering Road, Northwest. The new warehouse is specifically designed for efficient stocking and handling of power transmission products. It is completely air conditioned.

GLENN E. TINSLEY, District Manager, will have the added responsibility of directing the Atlanta Warehouse. The new building will house Whitney district headquarters in addition to its warehouse activities.

Fram Buys Tulsa Company

FRAM CORPORATION, Providence, R. I., has announced the purchase of the WARNER LEWIS COMPANY of TULSA, OKLAHOMA, to be known as the Warner Lewis Company, Division of Fram Corporation.

The wholly owned subsidiary company specializes in liquid fuel separators, filters and meter calibrating tanks. Facilities at Tulsa include office, engineering and manufacturing buildings, and additional fabricating facilities at Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

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Power Conference—Chicago

The sixteenth annual meeting of the AMERICAN POWER CONFERENCE will be held on March 24, 25 and 26, 1954, at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. The Conference is sponsored by the Illinois Institute of Technology in cooperation with twelve universities and ten local and national engineering societies.

The purpose of the Conference is to provide a forum for the exchange of information in the fields of power generation, transmission, distribution and utilization. All persons interested are invited to attend. For further information, write to E. R. Whitehead, Secretary, American Power Conference, Illinois Institute of Technology, Technology Center, Chicago 16, Ill.

News of Manufacturers

COPESE-VULCAN DIVISION, CONTINENTAL FOUNDRY & MACHINE COMPANY, Erie 4, Pa., announces the appointment of John A. Vanyo, Jr., as Assistant Sales Manager; O. H. Keeling as Manager of Combustion Control; and R. L. Bruce as Senior Contract Engineer. Don Allshouse, who has been advertising manager of the Division since its formation in 1952, has been appointed General Advertising Manager for the company to handle all advertising, with offices in both Erie and Pittsburgh.

THE JEFFREY MANUFACTURING CO., Columbus 16, Ohio, has made the following personnel changes: L. H. McReynolds, who has been with the company for 33 years, is now Manager of Public Relations, replacing W. B. Montague who resigned recently. A. D. Mahoney, with 39 years service, continues as Sales Promotion Manager. Nevin J. Rodes has joined the company to take charge of Trade Paper Advertising.

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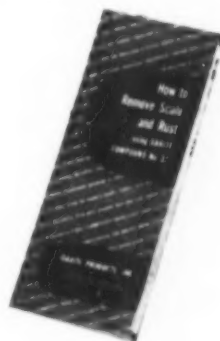
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O-3 GAGES AND VALVES—Unit No. 218, 4 pages—Describes liquid level gages, valves and specialties for chemical and petrochemical processing. Discusses design, construction, and operation of equipment, with photographs of typical installations.—**JERGUSON GAGE & VALVE COMPANY**, 80 Fellsway, Somerville 45, Mass.

O-4 ROTARY JOINTS—Bulletin, 4 pages—Illustrates and describes Phillips packless leakproof rotary joints. Cutaway drawings show typical installation with supply and return circulation; and installation of Type S joint with syphon pipe in place.—**KEY COMPANY**, Exclusive Distributors, P. O. Box 494, East St. Louis, Ill.

O-5 COMPRESSORS—Bulletin No. 132, 4 pages—Describes the company's turbo-charged, 2-cycle, right angle compressor; illustrates model with 8 vertical power cylinders and 4 horizontal compressor cylinders. Tabulates new features and sizes available.—**CLARK BROS. CO.**, Olean, N. Y.

O-6 CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS—Catalog No. 223, 32 pages—Covers stainless steel centrifugal pumps, including engineering data, performance curves, capacity charts, seal application, with illustrations and other pertinent information.—**TRICLOVER MACHINE CO.**, Kenosha, Wis.

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O-8 PRESSURE GAUGES—Ashcroft Gauge Catalog, 124 pages—Includes information on pressure gauges, gauge accessories, and gauge engineering. Sectionalized by product lines, fully indexed, with selector tables for all gauges. Illustrated with photographs and line drawings.—**MANNING, MAXWELL & MOORE, INC.**, Stratford, Conn.

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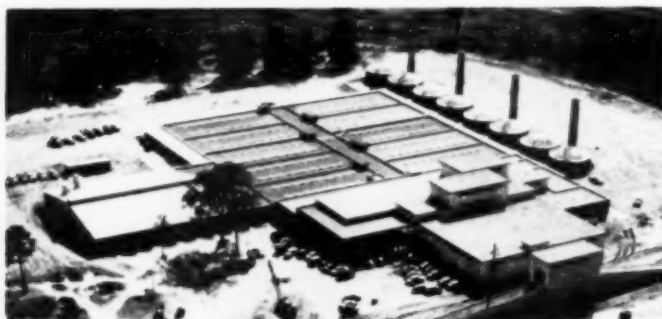
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O-17 ELECTRIC POWER DRIVES—Scale Drawings, 22 sheets—New set of scale drawings for geared Slo-Speed Electric Power Drives is available to design engineers, draftsmen, and layout engineers. Three views are detailed on each page with the frame and type drawn to three separate scales, including ratings from ½ hp to 20 hp.—STERLING ELECTRIC MOTORS, INC., 5401 Telegraph Road, Los Angeles 22, Calif.

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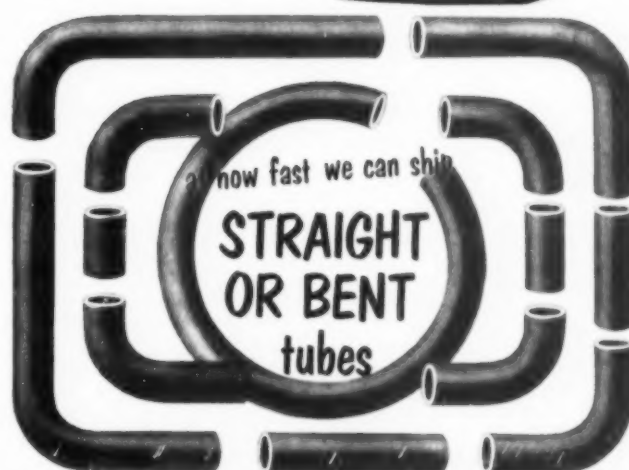
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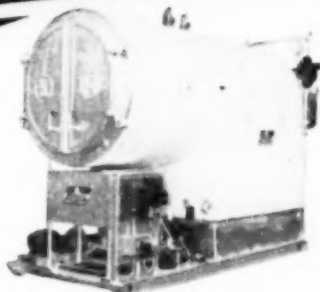
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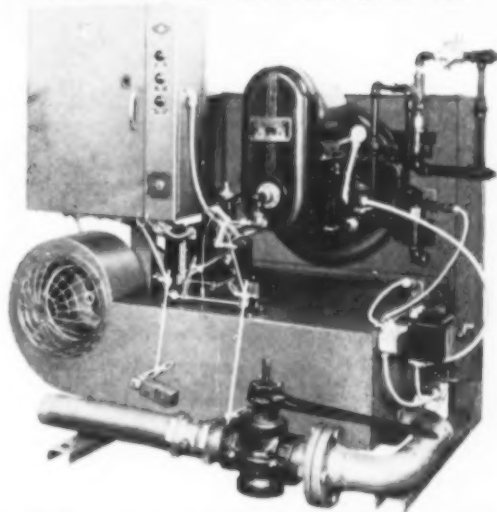


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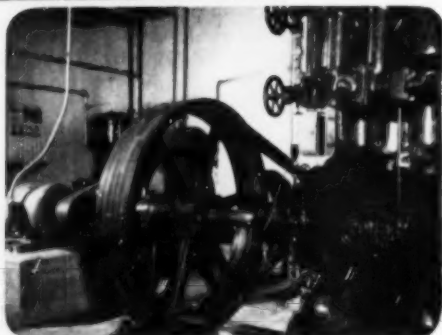
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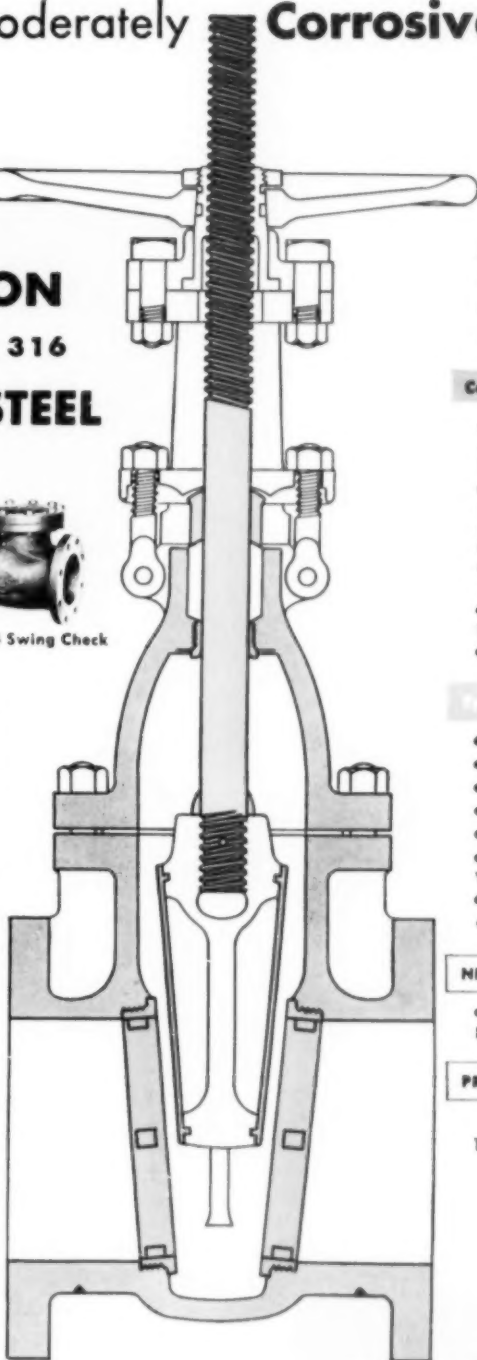
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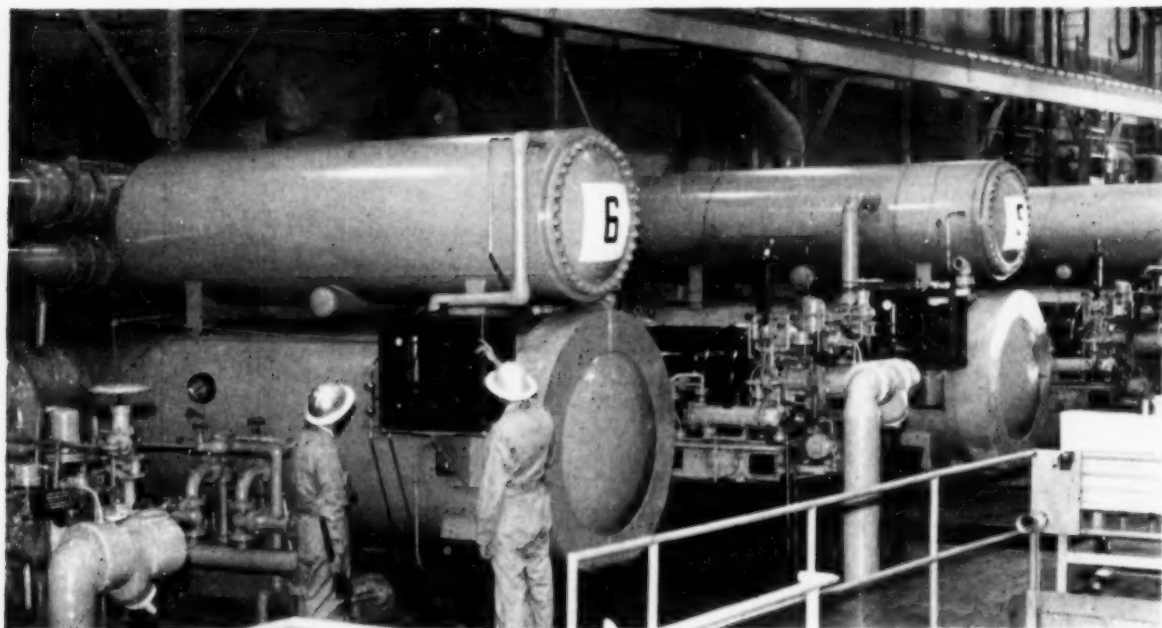
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